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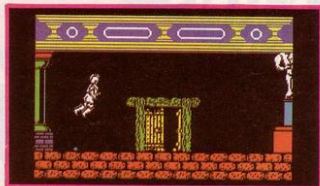
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Loading problems

I AM writing to say that I have been buying Sinclair Programs for two years now, and I think that it is excellent.

I would like to know whether anyone has any loading and saving information for the ZX-81, because I have been having problems trying to save the programs which I have copied from Sinclair Programs. I have tried: moving the leads and changing them, changing the volume, changing the tapes, moving the tape recorder around, and moving the plugs to different power points. If you have any suggestions, please contact Sinclair Programs.

**Timothy Moore,
Dawlish, Devon**

•Try cleaning the heads on your cassette recorder, Timothy. Dirt may be interfering with the recording process.

Light pen advice

I AM writing to you about my experiences with the Trojan light pen. At the time I bought mine I owned a black and white television. I have now invested in a colour television and the pen will not work. When successfully loaded, the program crashes the

Spectrum's memory, causing a reset. My advice to other Spectrum owners is to check the pen on a television similar to their own before purchasing it.

**Gary Hale,
Wallsend, Tyne & Wear**

Decathlon impossible

After buying Daley Thompson's Decathlon I thought that it was great until I reached the high jump. I am sure that it is impossible. I cannot jump it even on level one.

If anybody has done it, please let me know how they did it.

**Chris Buxton,
8 Byrl Street,
Keighley, Yorks.**

Helpful Menzies

FOR months and months I have been pleading with my Mum to let me buy the all-new games development program, White Lightning. Finally she gave in and I jogged into my local John Menzies and bought White Lightning. When I got home I quickly loaded it

and, to my surprise, the demonstration tape would not load. So, two weeks later, I returned it. At the desk, they were just about to put another copy of White Lightning on the shelves. I told them of my problem and they gave me a brand new replacement package. I was very pleased. I find the language extremely hard to understand so, if anyone has any tips, please let me know via Sinclair Programs.

**Daniel Meldrun,
Letchworth,
Hertfordshire.**

High-res on the 81

ON THE subject of hi-res display on the ZX-81. I should like to share the following information with readers. The following routine sets the ZX-81's I register to 0. As the start of the Z80's dot pattern table is determined by the I register, any CHR\$ PRINTed, followed by RAND USR 16514 will be turned into a meaningless pattern. POKEing 16515,30 will return the characters to normal.

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HEX
3E 00 LDA 0
ED 47 LD I A
C9 RET

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MAIN PROGRAM
PRINT CHR$ 255
RAND USR 16514
PAUSE 4E4
POKE 16515,30
RAND USR 16514

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**Philip Parker,
Whitnash,
Leamington Spa.**

Alchemist wanted

ON reading your September issue I saw James Sheahan's letter saying that he had completed **Sabre Wulf** from Ultimate. Well, I completed the game on the 4th of May this year and therefore two months before him. Sorry James, not quick enough.

I have since completed it eight times. My highest score is 154,940 with a percentage of 94. I had nine lives at two points in the game.

If anyone out there in computerland can complete the **Alchemist** I would like to know what the four objects are that you have to collect, because the game is driving me MAD.

**Stephen Barrett,
Cramlington,
Northumberland.**



I AM writing to tell you that Richard Bairstow, aged 12, was neither the youngest player nor the first player to solve **Lords of Midnight**. My brother, aged nine, solved **The Hobbit** when aged seven, and solved **Lords of Midnight** in September. I, on the other hand, am baffled by it, so thanks for the tips, Richard.

**Kathryn Taylor, aged 12
Widnes, Cheshire.**

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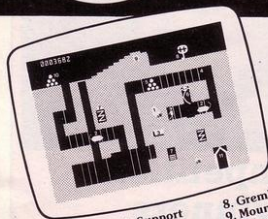
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3. Burrowing Rat
4. Support
5. Cave In
6. Snake
7. Snake Nest
8. Gremlin
9. Mound
10. Pile of Earth
11. Cave

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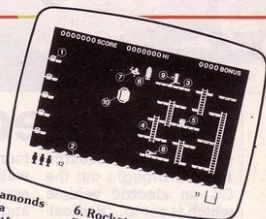
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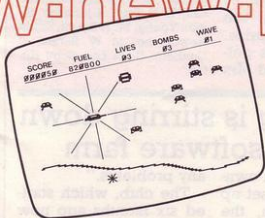
There is an expanse of shark infested water between you and the Diamonds and a strange breed of Bubble that seems hell bent on getting you in it! Somehow you must cross it...

You have a Rocket Pack to help you (a Vulture on higher levels) but you must rush around the platforms and ladders collecting cans of fuel (legs of lamb with the Vulture) and cursing that weird Bubble. Once you have enough fuel then it's Chocks Away!

Oh... but don't run out of fuel on the way – otherwise it's... SPLASH!



1. Diamonds
2. Sea
3. Platforms
4. Ladders
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Currah shut up

CURRAH, the producers of the micro-speech unit, have gone into liquidation. Dk' Tronics are taking over the trading name to become sole manufacturer of all their products: Microspeech, Microslot and Microsource.

At present Welwyn Electronics have the right to manufacture the

units, but this is expected to change as soon as their stocks are exhausted.

Both firms, for the present, are responsible for handling enquiries and may be contacted on the following numbers: Dk' Tronics: Saffron (0799) 26350 and Welwyn Electronics: (0670) 822181.



Cub competition: all the winners

WINNER of our December competition to win a Microvitec CUB Monitor, was 14 year old Robert Bibby from Radcliffe, Lancashire. He has only owned his Spectrum for six months but is already busy writing a program to help his mother with an evening course she is studying. When told of his prize Robert said "I'm really glad I won the prize because I have become a real computer freak." Robert's mother and younger brother are quickly becoming addicted to the computer themselves and all are delighted with his prize. "The television has gotten a little old," said Mrs

Bibby.

The runners-up who will receive either Fighter Pilot, Pyjamarama or Witch's Cauldron are:

Mr R. Evans, Alan Taylor, John Stevenson, Andrew Brame, John Lucas, W J de Jong, Simon Jinks, Mark Parker, Brian Walbey, David James, Simon Fowkes, Keith Thompson, Mr T Clarke, Denise Jennians, Philip Cooper, Paul Carpenter, R J Day, N F Dudley, Andrew McCrae, Mr S I Hedges, Richard Balke, Colin Gilmore, Henrik Nielsen, John Watt, John Ramsden, Neil Johnson, C and A Smith, Nigel Rogers, J Crane, M Davies, Zoe Stewart, B W Roper, Brian Traymor, S Brodie, Jamie Martin, Mr Brooke, C Arnold, Jane Lusk, Allan Schmalz, Mark Bittorf, Michael Ball, W H Tratt, R Johnson, Simon Young, Mr N Bright, Susan Newcombe, M W Barlett, P Lambeth, Colin Lee, Scott Hilton.

Something is stirring down on the software farm

A CLUB for ZX-81 owners has been set up by Software Farm, the firm dedicated to producing good games for the ZX-81.

Julian Chappel, owner of Software Farm explains. "We started the club to give support to all the owners of ZX-81 machines. We wish to keep all these people up-to-date with information, new programs and generally help with

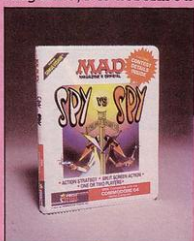
any problems."

The club, which started six months ago now has more than 200 members. There is a membership fee of £4 per year for which members receive: a quarterly newsletter, membership card, club badge and discounts of 10 per cent on any Software Farm programs. The club can be contacted through Software Farm, 155 Whiteladies Road, Clifton, Bristol.

Through the square window

EASTER will see the launch of three new games from Beyond Software, which are intended to take your Spectrum into a new dimension.

Spy v Spy is being converted from the successful Commodore version. Based on the characters from **MAD** magazine, it is described



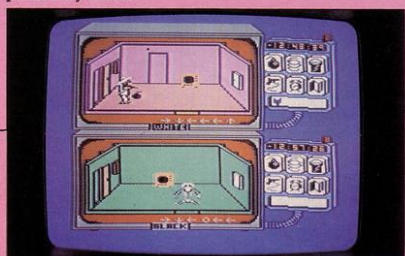
as a "Simulvision game." Using arcade action, the game takes place with window effects, that is, you see two different locations on screen at the same time.

Shadow Fire, described as a "Text adventure without text," will be, as far as we know, the first game to incorporate the option to use a light pen. The game involves control of six individual characters set in arcade scroll scenery. "Adventure games usually involve a plot



where, to reach your final target, you must fight your way through obstacles designed to hinder your progress. We have taken this theme and used it for **Shadow Fire**," explained Marc Peirson.

Romper Room, is their new education program. Using different themes it takes you through the alphabet with the aid of a "Little man who draws the letters and demonstrates their meaning." It is aimed at 2-7 year old children and is accompanied by music.



Hot and cold-on and off

RICHARD Shepherd Software, publishers of **Inferno**, have been tempted back to producing games for the Spectrum, and will soon launch a new game.

Shepherd explained: "Although we had changed to the Commodore market, we now know that the Spectrum

is the biggest selling microcomputer in this country. Our decision has been further influenced by our new game."

Called **Ski Star 2000**, it is described as "A real 3D simulation game with highly developed qualities. The scene shows you looking through a pair of goggles onto a slalom, down which you ski."

It's the reflex

FANTASY Software are planning to launch two new games for Easter, one of which involves some hush, hush talks with a well known company.

A name has yet to be decided, but it is being referred to as **Reflex** at this stage. Without giving too much away, Paul

having discussions with one of the leading electrical-type firms in this country." The only information he was able to give was that "It will be a definite arcade game, involving a piece of equipment which will cause people to react with surprise!"

Harassed hackers hurry to holiday in Herefordshire

IF YOU cannot bear the idea of leaving your computer even while you go on holiday, or if you would like to devote your spare time to learning a useful accomplishment, a computer holiday may be the one for you this year.

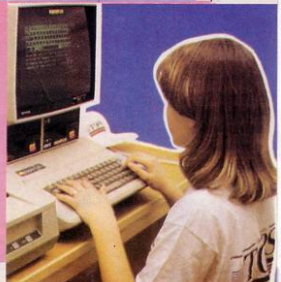
Tops are running

week-long computer holidays from March until August this year. Each student is given individual use of a BBC B or Tatung Einstein computer, and has access to the centre's other computer equipment which ranges from an extensive software library to

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Winner of this month's chart prize is Jennifer Millar of Bangor, County Down.

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GIFT OF THE GODS

THE trend in 1984 was towards George Orwell and modern literature. Computer games in 1985 seem to be reacting against this, with a strong movement towards Greek mythology. **Gift from the Gods** takes up the classical story of Orestes. You star as Orestes, and your aim is to avenge the murder of your father, Agamemnon, by your mother Clytaemnestra. In doing so you have the help of your sister, Electra and the gods Zeus and Apollo.

All good stuff and, for

once, a powerful storyline is backed by an excellent game. Gift from the Gods takes the form of an animated adventure in which Orestes moves through the labyrinth, flies through the air, fights the monsters and attempts to find and follow his sister.

Orestes' aim is to find the six Euclidian shapes which will reveal the exit to the labyrinth when positioned correctly in the Guardian's chamber. Orestes is opposed by the demi-gods who live in the Guardian's chamber. They use their

powers of illusion in order to prevent discovery of the shapes.

Electra knows where to find the correct six shapes, but Clytaemnestra knows of her purpose and is trying to kill her, and to steal the shapes. Another problem is the terrifying illusory creatures created by the demi-gods to sap Orestes' strength. Enormous spiders, skulls with worms twisting through

their eye sockets, any amount of weird creatures which you would fear to meet in broad daylight not alone in a hostile maze.

Great fun and very complex, Gift from the Gods is produced by Ocean Software, Ocean House, 6 Central Street, Manchester M2 5NS.

Price: £9.95

Game type: Animated adventure

Rating: 79%

SKOOLDAZE

TAKE 600 lines boy, you are not a kangaroo, barks the harsh history master. Not an auspicious start to **Skool-daze**, and there is worse to follow. You arrive in your geography class to find that overcrowding in schools is worse than you thought. There are six boys, and only four seats. Two people are going to have to stand. Well aware that if you stand you will be given lines, you push the swot, Einstein, out of his seat. The creep pushes you out again. You push the smallest boy in the school to the floor and sit down smugly. The master enters and begins the lesson as the smallest boy pushes the next boy to the floor, he then pushes the tearaway down, the tearaway hits the bully, the bully and the swot fight for a seat, and then the inevitable happens, the bully pushes you to the floor. The master looks up

from the list of questions he is reeling off, "600 lines, Eric, get off the floor immediately", "Oh, but sir..."

Your main worry, though, is not the injustice of school life, but the fact that, locked in the school safe, is your school report. This is bound to be bad news if anyone sees it, so you find and destroy it. How? Now, that is a good question. Each of the masters knows one element of the safe combination. Of course, though, they do not want to tell it to you. Your only chance is to set all the shields in the school flashing in order to disorientate the masters, and then knock the masters down so that they involuntarily shout out part of the code. A very complex plan.

Produced by Microsphere, 72 Roseby Road, London N10.

Price: £5.95

Game type: Arcade

Rating: 75%

AIRWOLF

JUDGING difficulty levels in a game is never easy for a reviewer. If a game appears easy is that because the reviewer has played ten other games like it in the past week? If it appears difficult, is that because the reviewer has not devoted enough time to it?

However, without qualification, **Airwolf** can be defined as difficult to the point of absurdity. The first screen is easy enough, for there are no obstacles to overcome, but on the second screen your way is blocked by a massive wall. Touching the wall or the ground below it means certain death, but in order to shoot a passage through it, you must steer your helicopter up and down it many times.

A further problem is that the wall rebuilds itself very quickly, so you only have a short period in which to shoot your way through.

It is not impossible to get through this wall, although it is probably next to impossible if you do not possess a joystick. After half an hour's work from six reviewers, one finally made it through the wall only to meet... another wall.

Those people who are attracted to **Airwolf** with the aim of 'beating the reviewers' may be interested to know that the game sets you up as Stringfellow Hawke, the only man who can fly the billion dollar helicopter **Airwolf** and, therefore, the man who can save five US scientists.

Airwolf is produced by Elite Systems Ltd, 55 Bradford Street, Walsall.

Price: £6.95

Game type: Arcade

Rating: 10%



GHOSTBUSTERS

SURELY no program can have achieved as much popularity before its launch as has **Ghostbusters**. Three weeks before its launch it was already in the top ten of one computer magazine. Even *Sinclair Programs* readers were naming it as their favourite game before it went on sale.

Sadly, this enthusiasm is misplaced. Much of the appeal of the film on which the game was based lay in its humour and its use of sound. The game follows the plot of the film faithfully without ever catching its mood.

The first stage of the game involves collecting your ghost busting equipment. This could

be done quickly and simply, but instead you have to manoeuvre a fork lift truck to collect items. A slow way of covering one of the less interesting parts of the game.

Despite a rousing, if rather tinny, version of the *Ghostbusters* theme before the game begins, the game continues in stony silence. An exception to this is the occasional use of speech, created without any hardware add-ons. A clever effect, but a more lively use of sound throughout the game would have been better.

The game involves catching some ghosts, and preventing others

from reaching the Temple of Zuul. Success will lead to fat profits for your ghost busting business which are essential to your success in the game. Eventually you must make your way to the Temple of Zuul, sneak in, and make your way to the entrance at

the top of the temple.

Ghostbusters is a straightforward game with little to recommend it. It is produced by Activision, 15 Harley House, Marylebone Road, Regents Park, London NW1.

Price: £9.99

Game type: Arcade

Rating: 40%

SON OF BLAGGER

IT IS safe to say that I liked *Jet Set Willy*, you liked *Jet Set Willy*, we all liked *Jet Set Willy*. It is safe to say that because sales figures, charts, readers' letters, readers' votes and reviews all agree on these points. What it is not safe to say, bearing these things in mind, is that we will all like every game which is based on the *Jet Set Willy* theme.

There are major differences between *Son of Blagger* and *Jet Set Willy*, but it is the latter which wins in every case. As Slippery Sid, the son of Blagger, you must make your way through the Spectrum Security Headquarters, collect the golden keys from the maze of passages in the complex.

Sid is larger than Willy, the screen scrolls smoothly from one part of the maze to another rather than changing



only when you leave a room, the monsters and layouts are different in both games. Despite these differences it is obvious from the moment the first room appears on screen where the idea for *Son of Blagger* came from.

Unfortunately, the idea is a failure. The game shows the fragility of the success of *Jet Set Willy*, how easily it could have slipped from the excellent to the mundane if it had shed its quirky humour and all the small touches which made it a pleasure to move from one room to the next.

Son of Blagger is produced for the 48K Spectrum by Alligata Software, 1 Orange Street, Sheffield.

Price: £5.95

Game type: Arcade

Rating: 40%

AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL

SOME simulations are games, intended purely for enjoyment. Others make claims to be completely accurate simulations, and they have considerable educational value as well as being fun. *Heathrow International Air Traffic Control* falls into the latter category.

The program comes in two parts. One side allows you to simulate controlling air traffic at Heathrow airport, the other side allows you to try out the same job at Schiphol airport.

The programs are divided into eight levels. Level one allows you to practice landing light aircraft at your airport. By level eight you have to cope with incoming and outgoing aircraft of

all types, the likelihood that one aeroplane will declare an emergency and have to land as soon as possible and the possibility that some of your equipment will break down, you will lose radio contact with one plane.

The programs are startling in their complexity, but their accuracy does, in some ways, lower their appeal. After all, while it is interesting to understand the problems of an air traffic controller, it is not necessarily fun to have to deal with them all, or to have train yourself to the skill level necessary to complete even the simplest operation.

Detailed, but perhaps rather more worthy than fun *Air Traffic Control* is produced for the 48K Spectrum by Hewson Consultants, 60a St Mary's Street, Wallingford, Oxfordshire.

Price: £7.95

Game type: Simulation

Rating: 65%



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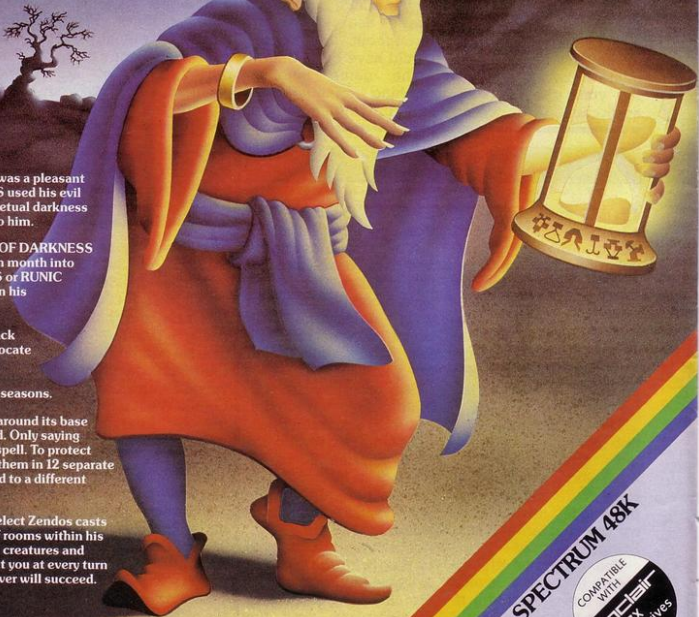
The tiny principality of DORCASIA was a pleasant fertile land until the wizard ZENDOS used his evil powers to cast the country into perpetual darkness until all citizens pledge obedience to him.

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Each glass has a RUNIC inscription around its base which you must read and understand. Only saying these words will lift that part of the spell. To protect the hour glasses Zendos has placed them in 12 separate rooms in his castle, each room linked to a different exterior gateway by a devious route.

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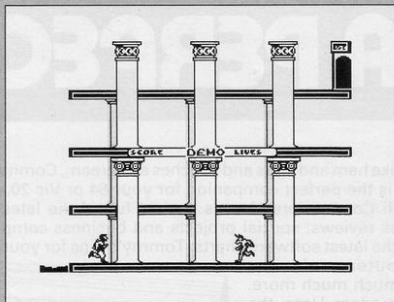
HELLFIRE

THE incongruity of the combination of literary epic and computer game appears to appeal to software houses. Melbourne House have taken up this genre once again with the release of **Hellfire**, a computerised version of the trials of Ulysses.

The first screen sees you, as Ulysses, jumping from slope to slope up to the top of Mount Olympus, avoiding the bouncing boulders which fall from time to time. If you delay your ascent for too long, the Gorgon will appear at the top of the screen and start giving you dirty looks, so it is best to move quickly. Classical **Donkey Kong**, whatever next?

Next is an extremely original screen, you move into a maze-like sacred temple. It looks simple to negotiate, but running behind the first pillar brings you out on the fourth floor, and trying to run back again transports you to the third floor. To make matters worse, a minotaur, apparently oblivious to the maze-like qualities of the place, is charging around the first floor, and another one is likely to appear if you hang around for too long. Your route is likely to tend toward the circular unless you bear in mind that the temple door mat can be used as a springboard.

Having passed through the Temple of



Knossos you then pass onto another maze which, this time, is inhabited by the reptilian Assassin and the Fireball Thrower. Solve this maze and you can join your friends in the Elysium Fields and make it into the ranks of the superhero gods.

Great fun, although probably slightly too easy for experienced arcade game players, **Hellfire** is produced for the 48K Spectrum by Melbourne House, Church Yard, Tring, Herts.

Price: £6.95

Game type: Arcade

Rating: 70%

GREAT SPACE RACE

LEGEND promised great things of **The Great Space Race**. Characters with animated faces; a program that goes one step beyond their last program, **Valhalla**; a development of the computer movie concept: all these were

promised, and have been delivered. Unfortunately, it all goes wrong.

The game centres around delivery of the potent intoxicant, Natof, to ninety six different planets. Staff must be chosen, equipped and guided in order to deliver Natof to all planets as quickly as possible.

Choice of staff is important, and choices can be made based on the accompanying booklet, and on experience

gained from past games. Some characters spend all their time asking whether they can fight pirates, and get very little work done. Others drink Natof too frequently, and have to be dried out at great expense. Others never ask you for guidance, and spend their time visiting the same planets.

The main problem is that, true to the computer movie formula, the game virtually plays itself, and all decisions will be made for you if you do not enter an an-

swer quickly enough. As this is a long game, and bound to take over an hour to complete, it is easy to lose concentration for vital seconds, and thus miss your opportunity to make important decisions.

There is little to hold the attention in a game which plays itself.

The **Great Space Race** is produced for the 48K Spectrum by Legend, PO Box 435, Station Road, London E4.

Price: £14.95

Game type: Simulation

Rating: 45%



AFGHAN ATTACK

DESPITE the disclaimer in the introduction to **Afghan Attack** that the title is of no political significance, it seems likely that the title will probably discourage potential purchasers of any political persuasion.

The game itself is definitely aimed at the more war-mongering adven-

turer. The situation at the beginning of the game is that you and your troops have just been airlifted into Afghanistan. Your helicopter has been camouflaged and it is now up to you to make the decisions.

The game has several special features including real time simulation and the opportunity to

communicate with allies. This communication is, however, fairly limited. Your sergeants and corporals are always happy to be told to open fire, or to do something suitably militaristic, but they are less enthusiastic about being helpful, being ordered around when it does not suit them, or simply indulging in lighthearted banter.

The vocabulary of the game appears to omit

many of the most common adventure terms, and employs many words specific to the situation. This is, at first, difficult to adapt to, as war simulation is an unusual subject for an adventure.

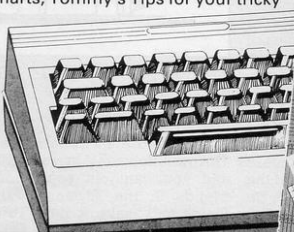
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Smooth screen scrolling in machine code

In part two of his series dealing with m/c Tony Rickwood looks at simple commands

IN THE last issue, I introduced some of the background concepts of machine code programming. We are now ready to make a start on practical machine code by looking at two short routines for scrolling the display to both sides of the screen.

Take a quick look at the two routines listed in this article and you will see how just a few machine code instructions can achieve a smooth scroll, pixel by pixel. First, a few notes about the format which will be used to present all examples in the series. Each program is presented in two parts: a Basic program followed by an Assembler listing. To use a routine, it is not essential for you to understand the assembler or to use an assembler to enter it. All machine code is contained in and entered into memory by the Basic program which will also demonstrate the routine in execution. It will even save the machine code for you to build up

gram. Much of what I will have to say in this series will teach you machine code by explaining the assembler instructions. The important thing, though, is to get the routine running first from the Basic program and then to settle down to understand how it works.

SCROLL RIGHT: BASIC

First, enter and run the Basic listing for Program one. Provided you enter the data correctly, you will see a screen listing of the program disappearing to the right.

```

Program One: Basic
10 REM PROGRAM ONE- RIGHT PIXE
L SCROLL
20 LET S=0: FOR I=64000 TO 640
23: READ N: POKE I,N: LET S=S+N
NEXT I
30 READ SUM: IF S <> SUM THEN
PRINT "error in data entry - re
typeline 40": STOP
40 DATA 6,0,197,33,255,63,6,19
2,197,175,6,32,35,203,30,16,251,
193,16,244,193,16,235,201,2795
50 PRINT "data entry o.k." : "no
w running m/c": PAUSE 100
60 CLEAR 63999: LIST : RANDOM
IZE USR 64000: STOP
  
```

Line 10 does most of the work by reading the machine code as decimal numbers and POKEing them into a part of spare memory. 24 bytes of spare memory from locations 64000 to 64023 are used in this case. What do we mean by

set to the byte immediately preceding the part of memory reserved for UDG's. This can be found by:

```
PRINT PEEK 23730 + 256*PEEK 23731
```

which evaluates the system variable called RAMTOP (see page 176 of the manual). On power up, this will be 65367 for a 48K machine and 32599 for a 16K machine.

b) How low can a spare byte be? This will depend mainly on the size of any Basic program and variables, and can be found by: `PRINT PEEK 23653 + 256*PEEK 23654`

which evaluates the system variable called STKEND.

Subtracting high and low bytes gives you the number of spare bytes so you can change the numbers in line 20 to suit your own requirements (and machine i.e. 16 or 48K).

Line 30 checks your data entry in the DATA statement (line 40), as an attempt to execute defective machine code will often



cause the machine to crash. Line 60 executes the routine following a CLEAR command. This lowers RAMTOP to ensure that the routine is not erased when NEW is pressed, or another Basic program is loaded (remember that you will often want to use the same machine code routine with different Basic programs). The LIST is necessary to give you a display to be scrolled when the routine is executed by RANDOMIZE USR 64000.

SCROLLING RIGHT: ASSEMBLER

This has been prepared using one of the better commercially available assembler programs. To reiterate, you do not have to enter this unless you have an assembler of your own and wish to experiment with different ways of doing the same job (a good way

Program One: Assembler

```

10 ;ASSEMBLER FOR PROGRAM 1- RIGHT PIXEL SCROLL
20 ;
O600 30 LD B,0 ;LOOP THROUGH
C5 40 PIXEL PUSH BC ;256 PIXEL COLUMNS
21FF3F 50 LD HL,16383 ;1 LESS THAN DF START
O6C0 60 LD B,192 ;LOOP THROUGH
C5 70 ROW PUSH BC ;192 PIXEL ROWS
AF 80 XOR A ;SET CARRY TO ZERO
O620 90 LD B,32 ;LOOP THROUGH
23 100 COL INC HL ;32 BYTE COLUMNS
CB1E 110 RR (HL) ;ROTATE EACH BYTE
10FB 120 DJNZ COL ;END OF COLUMN LOOP
C1 130 POP BC
10F4 140 DJNZ ROW ;END OF ROW LOOP
C1 150 POP BC
10EB 160 DJNZ PIXEL ;END OF PIXEL LOOP
C9 170 RET ;RETURN TO BASIC
  
```

a dedicated toolkit of routines for you to call from your own Basic programs.

The assembler listing is there to help you understand what is being done by the numbers POKEd into memory by the Basic pro-

gram. Much of what I will have to say in this series will teach you machine code by explaining the assembler instructions. The important thing, though, is to get the routine running first from the Basic program and then to settle down to understand how it works.

a) How high can a spare byte be? When you first switch on, RAMTOP (the top of available RAM) is

to make learning machine code faster and more enjoyable). If you do not like the idea of pre-cooked machine code, and do not own an assembler, you may wish to use a Hex Loader. There are many such utility programs listed in books and magazines which you can key in in Basic. These will accept the hexadecimal equivalents to the Z80 mnemonics as they appear in assembler listings, convert them to decimal numbers, and POKE them into memory. If you wish to use a hex loader then, instead of

register H with the binary form for "63" and register L with that for "255".

Now we can start to understand how this little routine hangs together, but do make sure you properly understand the previous paragraph as it is fundamental to all machine code programming.

Firstly, we must define what the routine has to do. This can be simply stated as "moves the whole screen to the right, pixel by pixel". We can visualise a display as a matrix of dots (black or

white) which spread 256 wide (32 columns *8) and 192 deep (24 rows *8). Next, we must decide how this is to be done. The method I have used is to work through each consecutive byte of the display file, working with each of the 32 bytes (representing 32 columns) across the screen before moving down to the next pixel row. Remember that there

works through the 32 bytes in each row. We can break down our analysis by looking at what goes on in the inner loop first and working outwards.

The COLUMN Loop: The lines



of interest here are numbered 80 to 120. Two are to initialise this loop, starting with XOR A. This stands for "eXclusive OR on register A" and represents one of three commonly found logical operators (OR, AND, XOR). We shall be seeing much more of all three in future examples. For the moment all you need to know is that this instruction has the important property of clearing the carry flag. You will see how the carry flag is used to hold the bit which is forced out of each byte to become the first bit of the next byte. Remember that we are at the start of a pixel row at this point in the routine. To ensure that the last bit of the previous row does not become the first bit of the current row, it is therefore vital to reset the carry flag to zero.

"LD B,32" means "Load Register B with the number 32". I explained the principle of addressing in the previous article. You need to know that there are several types of addressing. The type being used here is called immediate addressing. In plain language, it means that register B can be loaded immediately with a number instead of having to look up a value somewhere in memory. In Basic, an analogy would be let B=32 instead of LET A=32:LET B=A. The command sets up a loop counter similar to that of a FOR B=32 to 1 STEP -1 and covers the 32 bytes



are 192 pixel rows and it is these rows (not the 24 character rows) with which we will be dealing.

The display file which is used to store all 6144 bytes (32*192) of data which make up the display starts at location 16384 and ends at 22527. Our scroll routine has to change the bit pattern of all these bytes, not just once (as this will only give a single pixel move for the whole screen) but 256 times.

For the Basic programmer, this immediately brings to mind the concept of nested FOR/NEXT loops. There are three such loops

my Basic interface programs, the hex equivalents are given in my assembler listings (first column).

The second column shows assembler line numbers which I will refer to frequently for explanatory notes. These are followed by the assembler instruction. Anything preceded by a semi-colon is like a Basic REMark. To see the relationship between Assembler, hexadecimal equivalents and the decimal numbers you have entered in the Basic program, have a close look at line 50: LD HL,16383. The hex equivalent of a Z80 instruction of this form is "21 xx xx" where "xx xx" is the two byte representation of the number to be loaded into register pair HL (which is what the CPU understands by the hex code "21"). In machine code terminology, a number in the range 0 to 65535 has to be split into a "high order" and a "low order" byte (HOB and LOB). HOB is the number of times a number will divide by 256 and LOB is the remainder. Thus: HOB = INT(n/256) and LOB = n - 256*INT(n/256). The HOB and LOB for 16382 are 63 and 255 respectively (in hex, 3F and FF).

You may recall from a previous article on Numbers that the LOB is stored first, so this convention is also used with machine code instructions. Therefore, the instruction we are examining here becomes "21 FF 3F" in hex. In decimal, this is "33 255 63," as you will find it in the Basic listing. When running, the CPU will automatically interpret the binary representation of "33" (BIN 0100001) as instructing it to load



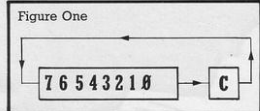
in this routine, labelled PIXEL, ROW and COL (for COLUMN). The outer PIXEL loop serves to repeat for 256 pixel moves (so that the leftmost pixels are the last to disappear). The middle ROW loop works down through 192 rows and the inner COL loop

(for each column) in a row.

Line 100 is the first instruction to be executed in the inner loop proper. The part which is converted to machine code by the assembler is "INC HL", as "COL" is just a label to mark the start of the loop. "INC HL" is read as

"INCrement the contents of the HL register pair by 1". As we will see, HL is used to point to each consecutive byte of the display file.

The real work in this routine is done by line 110. "RR (HL)" which is read as "Rotate Right the contents of the address pointed to by HL (i.e. the current byte of the display file)". This is an example of an instruction which uses indirect addressing. Here,



the CPU is working indirectly on a memory location to which the HL register pair is pointing. The appearance of brackets in machine code can generally be read in this way. Why do we not use direct addressing by calling in the number to be operated on, doing the operation, and putting it back again? We could, but this would require three instructions. So indirect addressing makes machine code more compact and efficient.

Figure one shows how "RR" works on a byte of data. Used once, it moves bit 7 to bit 6, bit 6 to bit 5 etc, down to bit 0 which is moved to figure 1 occupy the carry flag. What was the carry flag is moved to bit 7. Thus, as we move across the 32 bytes of a pixel row, each byte is moved one pixel to the right, with the carry flag holding the overflow



bit ready to start the next byte.

The COLUMN loop is terminated by Line 120, "DJNZ COL" which reads as "Decrement the B Register and Jump to label COL if the contents of B are Non Zero". DJNZ must always be used in conjunction with B holding the loop counter and gives us the nearest machine code equivalent of the FOR/NEXT loop. The assembler program automatically works out which instruction has been assigned the label COL and enters an offset (number of steps backward) into the machine code for DJNZ.

The ROW loop: This is initialised

by line 50, which points HL to the byte immediately below the start of the display file so that, the first time INC HL is executed, HL is pointing to the start of the display. Line 60 sets up the loop counter for 192 rows.

Now we hit a small snag. As we have seen, all DJNZ loops must use the B register as the loop counter so, for nested loops, we must be able to store an outer loop counter while an inner loop is being processed. We could load B into another register and load it back again, although there are two instructions which are more compact. These are "PUSH BC" and "POP BC".

Look at your Spectrum manual again, and you will see a chunk of memory called the stack. This is a place where numbers can be stacked on top of one another. It



is a convenient place for the machine code programmer to store numbers temporarily, without having to worry about addressing.

To use the stack, a number is PUSHed onto it from a register pair, and POPped off again when required. For example, suppose the CPU is about to start on the 50th row. Line 70 will PUSH the number 50 (along with whatever register C is holding - this is irrelevant in this example) onto the stack. It can then work through the COL loop with B=1

loops, except that here we are executing the single pixel move (for whole screen), 256 times. You need not worry that all the PUSHing and POPping will confuse matters because the CPU auto-

Program Two: Assembler

```
10 REM PROGRAM TWO - LEFT PXL
L SCROLL
20 LET S=0: FOR I=64000 TO 640
23: READ N: POKE I,N: LET S=S+N
30: NEXT I
30 READ SUM: IF S < SUM THEN
PRINT "ERROR in DATA ENTRY - RE
TYPE LINE 40": STOP
40 DATA 6,0,197,33,0,88,6,192,
197,175,6,32,43,203,22,16,251,19
3,16,244,193,16,235,201,2565
50 PRINT "data entry o.k." : "no
w running m/c": PAUSE 100
60 CLEAR 63999: LIST : RANDOMI
ZE USR 64000: STOP
```

matically works with the stack on a first in, last out basis.

You might be a bit puzzled by line 30, "LD B,0" for 256 repetitions. Imagine a register as a milometer which can only register up to 255 miles before re-setting to zero. If we set it to zero to start with, then the first time the DJNZ PIXEL instruction is executed, our milometer will be turned back to 255. Therefore, another 255 passes through the outer loop will be required to bring B down to zero and finally allow the CPU to exit back to Basic through the RETURN instruction.

Program 2 lists the routine for a left pixel scroll. As you would expect, the assembler listing is very similar to Program One except that now we are working backward through the display file. Therefore, we need to DE-Crement HL (from the end of the

Program Two: Basic

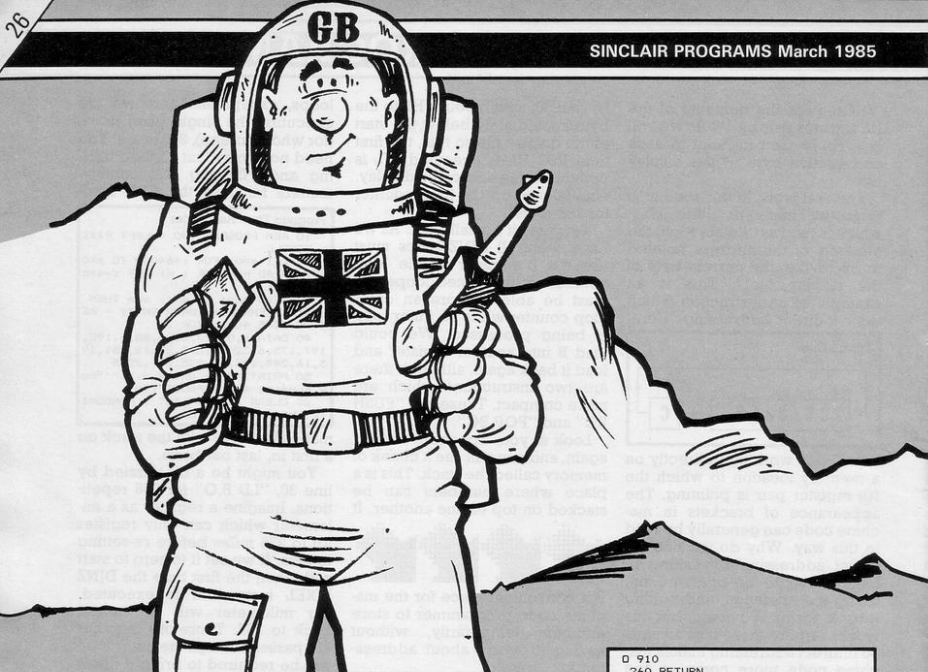
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10 ;ASSEMBLER FOR PROGRAM 2- LEFT PIXEL SCROLL
20 ;
30 LD B,0
40 PUSH BC
50 LD HL,22528 ;1 MORE THAN DF END
60 LD B,192
70 ROW PUSH BC
80 XOR A
90 LD B,32
100 COL DEC HL
110 RL (HL)
120 DJNZ COL
130 POP BC
140 DJNZ ROW
150 POP BC
160 DJNZ PIXEL
170 RET
```

TO 32. The B=50 is then POPped back off the stack, and the DJNZ in line 140 decrements it to 49, ready for the next row.

The PIXEL loop: starts at line 40 and ends on line 160. The same principles apply as for the inner

display file) and "Rotate Left" (RL) each byte of the display.





ROCKET MAN

```

1 LET s=0: LET h=0
5 INVERSE 0: BRIGHT 0: PAPER
0: BORDER 0: INK 7: CLS: RESTOR
E: GO TO 60000
10 FOR k=60 TO 40 STEP -4: BEE
P .002,k: BEEP .002,k-10
11 NEXT k: RETURN
20 FOR k=40 TO 60 STEP 4: BEEP
.002,k: BEEP .002,k-10: NEXT k
25 RETURN
100 IF ATTR (y,x)<7 OR ATTR (
y+1,x)<7 THEN LET y=y+1: LET x=x
1: GO TO 1071
110 IF ATTR (y,x)=68 OR ATTR
(y+1,x)=68 THEN BEEP .1,55: LET
s=s+25: PRINT #0: AT 1,6:- LEN
STR$ s;: GO TO 1061
115 IF ATTR (y,x)>128 OR ATTR
(y+1,x)>128 THEN GO TO 300
120 IF ATTR (y,x)=69 OR ATTR
(y+1,x)=69 THEN PRINT AT y1,x1
: " ": AT y1+1,x1: " ": AT y1,x; m
#(a+2): BORDER 1: FOR i=1 TO 2:
PRINT AT y,x;"A": GO SUB 20: PR
INT AT y,x;"C": GO SUB 20: NEXT
i: BORDER 0: LET d=d-20: PRINT

```

```

#0: AT 1,28: " ": AT 1,28;d: IF
'd=0 THEN GO TO 8700
122 IF p=y AND q=x OR p=y+1 AND
q=x THEN GO TO 910
123 GO TO 900
210 IF x<27 AND a=1 THEN PRINT
INK 6: AT y,x+1;"IIII": GO SUB
10: PRINT AT y1,x+1: " "
220 IF x>4 AND a=2 THEN PRINT
INK 6: AT y,x-4;"IIII": GO SUB
10: PRINT AT y1,x-4: " "
230 IF ATTR (e,f)=7 THEN GO S
UB 9000: FOR i=0 TO 21: PRINT O
VER 1: INK 8: PAPER 8: BRIGHT 8:
FLASH 8: AT i,f;"E": BEEP .002,
35-1: BEEP .002,40-1: PRINT OVE
R 1: INK 8: PAPER 8: BRIGHT 8: F
LASH 8: AT i,f;"E": NEXT i: GO T
O 900
240 IF ATTR (p,q)=7 THEN GO S
UB 9000: FOR i=0 TO 21: PRINT O
VER 1: INK 8: PAPER 8: BRIGHT 8:
FLASH 8: AT i,q;"G": BEEP .002,
35-1: BEEP .002,40-1: PRINT OVE
R 1: INK 8: PAPER 8: BRIGHT 8: F
LASH 8: AT i,q;"G": NEXT i: GO T

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0 910
260 RETURN
310 IF y=0 THEN LET y=19: GO T
O 4000
320 IF y=20 THEN LET y=1: GO T
O 4000
330 IF x=0 THEN LET x=30: GO T
O 4000
340 IF x=31 THEN LET x=1: GO T
O 4000
900 RANDOMIZE: PRINT AT e,f;"
": LET f=f+1: INT ( RND *30): LET
e=1+ INT ( RND *20): PRINT AT
e,f; INK 5: BRIGHT 1;"E": GO TO
911
910 RANDOMIZE: PRINT AT p,q;"
": LET q=1+ INT ( RND *30): LET
p=1+ INT ( RND *20): PRINT AT
p,q; INK 5: BRIGHT 1;"G"
920 PRINT AT y,x;" ": AT y+1,x
;" ": AT y1,x1;" ": AT y1+1,x1;"
"
1000 FOR j=1 TO 4
1020 LET y1=y: LET x1=x
1030 LET y=y+(( INKEY#="w")-( I
NKEY#="2"))
1040 IF INKEY#="0" THEN LET x
=x+1: LET a=1
1041 IF INKEY#="9" THEN LET x
=x-1: LET a=2
1060 IF ATTR (y,x) <> 7 OR ATT
R (y+1,x) <> 7 THEN GO TO 100
1070 PRINT AT y1,x1;" ": AT y1+
1,x1;" ": AT y1,m#(a): AT y+1,x
;m#(a+2)
1090 IF INKEY#="m" THEN GO SU
B 200
1110 IF j=2 OR j=4 THEN GO TO 1
142
1120 LET e1=e: LET f1=f
1125 IF AND >.8 THEN LET e=e+(
(y<e)-(y>e)): GO TO 1131
1130 LET e=e+(y>e)-(y<e))
1131 LET f=f+(x>f)-(x<f))
1135 IF ATTR (e,f) <> 7 THEN L
ET e=e1: LET f=f1
1140 PRINT AT e1,f1;" ": AT e,f
: INK 5: BRIGHT 1;b$(j)
1141 GO TO 1171

```



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200: PRINT INK 2+ INT ( RND *5)
    AT k1,"M": AT k+1,"M": AT k
    +2,"M": NEXT I
2129 GOTO 4240

4220 FOR i=1 TO 5: LET k=1+ INT
    ( RND *20): LET i=1+ INT ( RND *
    20): PRINT "E": AT k,"E": AT k+1,"E":
    AT k+2,"E": AT k+1,"E": AT k
    +2,"E": NEXT I
4240 INK 5: BRIGHT 1: PRINT AT
    p,"H": FOR i=1 TO 4: PRINT AT
    p,"H": AT ( RND *17)+2, INT ( RND
    *17)+2, INT ( RND *17)+2,
    + INT ( RND *27)+5: NEXT I
4250 INK 4: PRINT AT i+1, INT ( R
    ND *20), i+1, INT ( RND *30)+N"
4400 INK 7: BRIGHT 0: GOTO 900

6005 PAPER 3: PRINT "
    "
6009 PAPER 2: PRINT AT 5,8: " YO
    UR MISSION: "
6010 PRINT " " Explore the moon c
    find and collect a
    s many green e
    crystals as possib
    le.
6012 PRINT " " Beware of the alie
    rob you of your ai
    r supply.
6014 PRINT " " You are equipped w
    ith a rocket
    pack and laser gun
6016 PRINT " " The gun can be used
    to destroy
    the aliens or to sh
    through the obstac
    le.
6018 PRINT " " The flashing doors
    lead to
    "
    ": PAPER 0
9990 IF PEEK USR "a"<60 THEN
    GOTO 8005
8000 FOR i=1 USR "a": PRINT "a"

```

SPECIAL

A whole variety of colourful screen effects are gathered within Special fx for the Spectrum computer. When RUN, the computer will demonstrate each in turn.

```

0> REM Special fx
    @1984 Ian Brownridge
    1 BORDER 0: PAPER 0: INK 7: B
    RIGHT 1: CLS
    2 GO TO 9000
    5 LET pitch=40136: LET dur=40
    138: LET sound=40132: LET left=4
    0000: LET right=40051: LET up=40
    090: LET down=40111: LET junk=40
    039: REM Initialise the four att
    ribute scrolls and screen fill
    routines
    10 REM fill screen with junk
    15 LET j=0
    20 RANDOMIZE USR junk
    30 POKE 40044,j: REM move poin
    ter up through the ROM
    40 LET j=j+1
    50 IF j>30 THEN LET j=0: REM
    check to make sure pointer does
    not find group of similar bytes
    thus keeping random effect
    60 IF INKEY$="" THEN GO TO
    20
    65 POKE pitch,15: RANDOMIZE U
    SR sound
    70 POKE 23296,71: REM restore
    paper colour
    80 FOR f=1 TO 16: REM call rou
    tines 16 times to clear screen
    90 RANDOMIZE USR left: RANDOM
    IZE USR right: RANDOMIZE USR u
    p: RANDOMIZE USR down
    100 NEXT f
    110 REM stripes
    115 FOR g=0 TO 5: REM call rout
    ine six times
    120 LET x=0
    130 FOR f=0 TO 16
    140 POKE 23296,x
    150 LET x=x+8
    160 IF x>56 THEN LET x=0
    170 RANDOMIZE USR left: RANDOM
    IZE USR right
    180 NEXT f
    185 NEXT g

    190 PRINT #0: AT 1,0: INK 2: PA
    PER 6: BRIGHT 1: FLASH 1:" PRE
    SS ANY KEY TO CONTINUE ": IF
    INKEY$="" THEN GO TO 190
    200 POKE 23296,71
    205 FOR f=12 TO 2 STEP -1: POKE
    pitch,f: RANDOMIZE USR sound:
    NEXT f
    210 FOR f=0 TO 16
    220 RANDOMIZE USR left: RANDOM
    IZE USR right
    230 NEXT f

    235 FOR f=8 TO 2 STEP -1: POKE
    pitch,f: RANDOMIZE USR sound: N
    EXT f
    240 REM more stripes
    245 FOR g=0 TO 5: REM call rout
    ine six times
    250 LET x=0
    260 FOR f=1 TO 13
    270 POKE 23296,x
    280 LET x=x+8
    290 IF x>56 THEN LET x=0
    300 RANDOMIZE USR up: RANDOMIZ
    E USR down
    310 NEXT f
    320 NEXT g
    330 IF INKEY$="" THEN GO TO
    330
    340 POKE 23296,71
    345 FOR g=1 TO 3: FOR f=6 TO 2
    STEP -1: POKE pitch,f: RANDOMIZE
    USR sound: NEXT f: NEXT g
    350 FOR f=0 TO 13
    360 RANDOMIZE USR up: RANDOMIZ
    E USR down
    370 NEXT f
    380 REM part screen attribute s
    crolls
    390 LET x=79
    395 POKE 23296,x
    400 FOR f=1 TO 16
    410 RANDOMIZE USR up: RANDOMIZ
    E USR left
    420 NEXT f
    425 PAUSE 10: PAUSE 0
  
```


EFFECTS

The listing is clearly labelled with REM statements which allow for removal of individual routines for use in your own programs.

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428 FOR f=5 TO 10: FOR g=6 TO 2
STEP -1: POKE pitch,g: POKE dur
,f: RANDOMIZE USR sound: NEXT g
: NEXT f
430 LET x=x+8
440 POKE 23296,x
450 FOR f=0 TO 16
460 RANDOMIZE USR up: RANDOMIZ
E USR right
470 NEXT f
475 PAUSE 0
477 FOR f=1 TO 3: FOR g=6 TO 2
STEP -1: POKE pitch,g: POKE dur,
f: RANDOMIZE USR sound: NEXT g:
NEXT f
480 LET x=x+8
490 POKE 23296,x
500 FOR f=0 TO 16
510 RANDOMIZE USR down: RANDOM
IZE USR left
520 NEXT f
525 PAUSE 0
527 POKE dur,1: POKE pitch,2: F
OR f=1 TO 10: RANDOMIZE USR sou
nd: NEXT f
530 LET x=x+8
540 POKE 23296,x
550 FOR f=0 TO 16
560 RANDOMIZE USR down: RANDOM
IZE USR right
570 NEXT f
575 PAUSE 0
580 POKE pitch,12: POKE dur,30:
RANDOMIZE USR sound
590 REM Flag
600 LET x=0
610 FOR f=0 TO 60
620 LET x=x+8
630 IF x>128 THEN LET x=0
640 POKE 23296,x
650 RANDOMIZE USR up: RANDOMIZ
E USR down: RANDOMIZE USR left
: RANDOMIZE USR right
660 NEXT f
670 FOR f=1 TO 5: RANDOMIZE US
R sound: NEXT f
680 POKE 23296,71
690 FOR f=0 TO 16
700 RANDOMIZE USR up: RANDOMIZ
E USR down: RANDOMIZE USR left
: RANDOMIZE USR right
710 NEXT f
720 PRINT AT 11,8;"Thats all f
olks !!!"
999 STOP
9000 CLEAR 39999: RESTORE 9100:
FOR a=40000 TO 40146
9005 PRINT AT 11,8;"Poking in m
/c now"
9010 READ b
9020 POKE a,b
9030 NEXT a
9040 LET x=0: FOR f=40000 TO 401
46
9050 LET x=x+ PEEK f
9060 NEXT f
9070 IF x <> 10232 THEN PRINT
INK 2; PAPER 6; BRIGHT 1; FLASH
1; AT 11,9;"ERROR IN DATA": BEEP
2,-10: STOP
9080 CLS
9090 GO TO 5
9100 DATA 33,0,88,58,0,91,14,24,
6,15,35,94,43,115,35,16,249,119,
35,35,35,35,35,35,35,35,35,35
,35,35,35,35,35,13,32,226,201
9110 DATA 17,0,88,33,0,0,1,224,2
,237,176,201
9120 DATA 33,255,90,58,0,91,14,2
4,6,15,43,94,35,115,43,16,249,11
9,43,43,43,43,43,43,43,43,43,43
,43,43,43,43,43,13,32,226,2
01
9130 DATA 33,32,88,17,0,88,1,128
,1,237,176,58,0,91,6,32,18,19,16
,252,201
9150 DATA 33,223,90,17,255,90,1,
96,1,237,184,58,0,91,6,32,18,27,
16,252,201
9160 DATA 6,255,33,0,6,17,10,0,4
3,205,181,3,16,250,201

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You've got it



Licked



Solve Jet Set Willy with: POKE 35899,0 which gives you infinite lives; POKE 36477,1 which allows you to fall without dying; POKE 89900,0 which stops the attic bug, POKE 35123,0 which removes all moving objects and POKE 37874,0 which will automatically collect any object in a room.

**Craig Lemon,
Braintree, Essex**

Finish Jet Set Willy more quickly than you ever dreamed of by adding 38 POKE 37925,0 to the loader program. You will then be able to go straight to bed, for Maria will have gone.

**Paul Williams,
Tamworth, Staffs
Who put this one here?
Come on, own up. Ed.**

A slick way of disabling the BREAK key on your Spectrum is to enter as your first line: 10 LET W=PEEK 23613-2: POKE 23613,W

The effect of this is sometimes negated by FOR...NEXT loops, GOTOS and GOSUBS so it may have to be repeated within your program.

Also: make your program disappear with POKE 23755, 100 and make it reappear with POKE 23755,0.

**Russell Haydon,
East London**

Entering PRINT USR 12345 will cause your Spectrum to freeze. It will only start to work again if you switch it on and off again.

**Toby Drysdale,
Moss, Doncaster** Much the same effect can be produced by unplugging your computer. A more permanent effect will be achieved if you persuade a large elephant to jump up and down on your machine (this will work on any type or make of computer). Ed.

NOTICE TO ALL WRITERS

Infinite lives, freedom from all difficulties, what is happening? Software Projects wanted their game to be difficult, not a short romp through the loader program. No more Jet Set Willy tips will be printed, whether useful, funny or just plain ridiculous.

**By order,
THE EDITOR**

Achieve infinite lives in your favourite arcade games:

**Tranz Am POKE 25446,0
Kosmic Kanga POKE 2394**

Jet Set Willy No, no, no. Ed.

**Eskimo Eddie POKE 24686,24 and then POKE 24687,76 before line 30
Hunchback POKE 26888,0**

**Arcadia POKE 25776,0
Andrew Warwick,
South Shields**

Check your spare memory with: PRINT 65536-USR 7962; "Bytes left"

Set the computer to CAPS LOCK with POKE 23658,8 and return it to normal with POKE 23658,0. Scroll the whole page up to the top line with LET S=USR 3330, which must be followed by CLS. Scroll whole page one line only with LET S=USR 3582.

All these will work on the 48K Spectrum.

**Andrew Grant,
Budleigh, Devon.**

In Jet Set Willy, remove the star on the main landing with: 31 POKE 54814,0 and make Willy walk backwards with: 35 POKE 36477,1

**M Jones,
Wolverhampton.**



Make your programs
RUN automatically
by finishing them with:
9997 STOP
9998 SAVE "THE NAME
OF YOUR PROGRAM"
LINE 1
9999 GOTO 1
and then entering GOTO
9998 when you want to
save your program.

Blake Gilchrist,
Dulverton, Somerset

ZX-81 owners, help
your fingers to find
the correct keys whilst
playing a game by stick-
ing file paper hole
strengtheners onto the
appropriate keys.

Michael Chadwick,
Heywood, Lancs

When writing a pro-
gram on your ZX-81
you may need most, if
not all, of the memory. If
you have 32K, to set a
higher ramtop enter:
POKE 16389,192
For the 48K Ram, key in
POKE 16388,255
POKE 16389,255

Paul Slaven,
Exeter, Devon

Pen-friends



Rachel Key, 4 High
View, Feniton, Devon
EX14 0EG is 12 years old
and would like to corre-
spond with someone
who also owns a 48K
Spectrum. She enjoys
programming her com-
puter to play games, and
her favourite game is
Pac-man. She is not yet
able to study computing
at school and so wishes
to improve her comput-
ing by finding a pen-
friend.

Carl Murphy, 87 Selwyn
Street, Kirkdale, Liver-
pool L4 3TN is eleven
years old and owns a 48K
Spectrum. His favourite
magazine is **Sinclair Pro-**
gram and he too would
like to swap games,
ideas and programs.

Benjamin Gill, 2 Beech-
wood Close, Crays
Pond, Goring Heath,
Reading, Berkshire is 12
years old and owns a 48K
Spectrum. He likes fast-
moving games such as
Decathlon, Harrier and
Chequered Flag.

Andrew Hutchinson, 32
Water Royd Avenue,
Mirfield, West Yorkshire
is 14 years old and owns
a 48K Spectrum, joystick
and interface. He enjoys
arcade adventure
games, his favourites be-
ing **Atic Atac** and **Pyja-**
marama.

Steen Jacobsen, Torne-
osevej 4, 4200 Slagelse,
Denmark is 15 years old
and owns a ZX-81. He
would like to exchange
tips, news, advice and
programs, and is willing
to write in English.

James Hills, 10 The Lau-
rels, Gledhow Lane,
Leeds 8 is 10 years old
and is looking for a pen-
pal to help him with his
computing and swap
ideas and program list-
ings.

Stephen Davies, 47 Win-
canton Road, South-
fields, London SW18 5TZ
is 13 years old and owns
a 48K Spectrum. He buys
Sinclair Programs regu-
larly, enjoys program-
ming and games, and
now knows a lot about
the Spectrum.



The winner of the grand prix will win fame and fortune, the loser will finish with a badly dented car and wounded pride. Through your windscreen you can see the cars you are about to overtake. It is essential to avoid crashes if you wish to score enough points to win. To succeed before your time runs out you must take the chance of driving as fast as possible.

3D Grandprix was written for the 16K ZX-81 by Neil I Cottrell of Brentford, Middlesex.

```
1 PRINT "N.C. PRODUCTION", "Y
OU ARE THE SEAT OF A FORMULA" 0
NE RACING CAR. YOU HAVE A 3D V
IEW OF THE CARS YOU OVER TAKE. I
F THEY HIT YOU, YOU LOSE TIME, Y
OU NEED TIME TO WIN BY SCOREINGS
00 BEFORE YOUR TIME UP. THE FASTER
A YOU DRIVE THE MORE YOU SCORE A
ND THE LESS TIME YOU USE."
```

```
2 PRINT "SCORE IS ON TOP OF T
RACK. TIME IS ON BOTTOM.", "C
ONTROLS...", "8=RIGHT", "5=LEFT"
", "0=DECREASE SPEED", "9=INCREASE
SPEED"
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3 PRINT "PRESS ANY KEY.", "H
APPY CRASHING."
```

```
4 IF INKEY$="" THEN GOTO 4
```

```
CLS
```

```
100 LET HS=0
```

```
200 LET S=0
```

```
300 LET D=300
```

```
400 LET D=10
```

```
CLS
```

```
45 PRINT AT 3,14;S;AT 21,15;T;
```

```
AT 4,16;T;TAB 15;T;TAB 14;
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TAB 13;T;TAB 12;
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TAB 20;T;TAB 11;T;TAB 2
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```
0;T;TAB 11;T;TAB 21;T;TAB 2
```

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10;T;TAB 22;T;TAB 10;T;TA
```

```
B 22;T;TAB 8;T;TAB 23;T;TA
```

```
B 9;T;TAB 23;T;TAB 8;T;TAB
```

```
24;T;TAB 8;T;TAB 24;T;TAB
```

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7;T;TAB 24;T;TAB 7;T;TA
```

```
B 25;T;TAB 7;T;TAB 25;T;TA
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```
46 IF S>500 THEN GOTO 3000
```

```
47 IF T<0 THEN GOTO 1900
```

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50 PRINT AT 6,16;T;"
```

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55 GOSUB 200
```

```
60 LET A=1
```

```
70 LET Z=INT (RND*2)+1
```

```
80 LET X=0
```

```
100 IF Z=1 THEN PRINT AT 8,15;"
```

```
110 IF Z=2 THEN PRINT AT 8,17;"
```

```
120 IF INKEY$="5" THEN GOSUB 20
```

```
130 IF INKEY$="8" THEN GOSUB 30
```

```
150 LET X=X+1
```

```
155 LET Z=Z+(RND*.8 AND Z<2)-(R
```

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ND<.2 AND Z>1)
```

```
157 NEXT N
```

```
158 LET D=D+(INKEY$="0" AND D<2
```

```
0)-(INKEY$="9" AND D>1)
```

```
159 LET T=T-D/2
```

```
160 IF X=3 THEN GOTO 1200
```

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170 IF X=2 THEN GOTO 1100
```

```
180 IF X=1 THEN GOTO 1000
```

```
190 IF X=4 THEN GOTO 1300
```

```
195 GOTO 120
```

```
200 LET A=1
```

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210 PRINT AT 17,12;"", "TAB 1
```

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2;"", "TAB 12;"", "AT 17,17;
```

```
"", "TAB 17;"", "TAB 17;"
```

```
220 RETURN
```

```
300 LET A=2
```

```
310 PRINT AT 17,17;"", "TAB 1
```

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7;"", "TAB 17;"", "AT 17,12;
```

```
"", "TAB 12;"", "TAB 12;"
```

```
320 RETURN
```

```
1000 IF Z=1 THEN PRINT AT 10,14;
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```
1010 IF Z=2 THEN PRINT AT 10,17;
```

```
1020 GOTO 120
```

```
1100 IF Z=1 THEN PRINT AT 12,13;
```

```
1110 IF Z=2 THEN PRINT AT 12,17;
```

```
1120 GOTO 120
```

```
1200 IF Z=1 THEN PRINT AT 14,13;
```

```
1210 IF Z=2 THEN PRINT AT 14,17;
```

```
1220 GOTO 120
```

```
1300 IF Z=1 THEN PRINT AT 17,12;
```

```
1310 IF Z=2 THEN PRINT AT 17,17;
```

```
1320 IF Z=A THEN GOTO 1400
```

```
1330 LET S=S+21-D
```

```
1350 LET D=D-(D>1)
```

```
1360 GOTO 40
```

```
1400 FOR N=1 TO 5
```

```
1500 PAUSE 2
```

```
1600 NEXT N
```

```
1700 LET T=T-10
```

```
1800 GOTO 40
```

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1900 PRINT AT 12,13;"SAME";TAB 1
```

```
3;"OVER"
```

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2000 IF HS>S THEN GOTO 2200
```

```
2010 PRINT AT 21,0;"INPUT NAME"
```

```
2100 INPUT E$
```

```
2150 LET HS=S
```

```
2200 PRINT AT 0,0;"HIGHEST SCORE
```

```
=HS, BY E$"
```

```
2300 PAUSE 4E4
```

```
2500 CLS
```

```
2600 GOTO 20
```

```
3000 PRINT AT 15,13;"YOU WON"
```

```
3050 LET S=S+T
```

```
3100 GOTO 2000
```

```
9000 SAVE "3D GRANDPRIX"
```

```
9990 RUN
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SPROGS

THE SPROGS ARE TAKING THEIR ASTRONAUT FRIEND TO LUNCH-

I HAVE ENTERED THE GREAT SPACE RACE - I MUST BEAT THE SOFTWARE PIRATE



SUDDENLY... HE'S BEEN GIVEN NATOF.



THE SPROGS ARE TAKING THEIR FRIEND TO LAUNCH

WE CAN'T LET THE SOFTWARE PIRATE GET AWAY WITH THIS.



THE SPROGS TAKE OFF.



AND CAREER THROUGH SPACE



THERE IT IS

STOP HERE



I PROCLAIM YOU THE WINNERS OF THE GREAT SPACE RACE!!



THE SPROGS RETURN TO THEIR SHIP.



DESPERATE DESCENT

At the bottom of the screen sits Daphnia, trapped in the caves. Above her are caverns swarming with pitiless monsters. Can you venture into the depths to save Daphnia, or will you die in the attempt? Desperate Descent was written for the Spectrum by D Spinks of Hyde, Cheshire.

```

20 PRINT INK 2; AT 10,0;"Do y
ou require instructions y/n?"
30 INPUT b;
40 IF b="y" THEN GO SUB 1620

50 GO SUB 1470
60 DIM x(40); DIM y(40)
70 LET rand=6: LET total=0: LE
T monsters=10: LET damsel=0: LET
col=0: BORDER 0: PAPER 0: CLS

80 REM create random cavern
90 FOR q=1 TO 20 STEP 2
100 FOR w=0 TO 27
110 LET e=INT (RND *32)
120 IF ATTR (q,e)=4 THEN GO T
O 110
130 PRINT INK 4; AT q,e: CHR$
145
140 NEXT w: NEXT q
150 LET rand=and-1: LET m=0: L
ET n=0: LET lives=1: LET w=31: L
ET total=total+1: LET monsters=m
onsters+10: LET col=col+1: LET d
ynamite=2
160 PRINT INK 2; AT 21,0;"Dams
els rescued "damsel
170 REM print man and damsel
180 PRINT INK 5; AT m,n: CHR$
144: PRINT INK 6; AT 20,w: CHR$
147
190 REM create monsters
200 FOR l=1 TO monsters
210 LET x(l)=1+INT (RND *19):
LET y(l)=INT (RND *52)
220 IF ATTR (x(l),y(l))=56+col
THEN GO TO 210
230 PRINT INK col; AT x(l),y(l
): CHR$ 146
240 NEXT l
250 REM create random movement
of monster,create movement of da
msel and check key for movement
of man
260 LET a=1+INT (RND *monster
s): LET b=1+INT (RND *4)
270 LET v=1+INT (RND *rand)

280 IF v=3 AND damsel<total THE
N GO SUB 1400
290 IF b=1 AND y(a)-1 >= 0 THEN
GO SUB 620
300 IF b=2 AND y(a)+1 <= 31 THE
N GO SUB 700
310 IF b=3 AND x(a)-1 >= 1 THEN
GO SUB 780
320 IF b=4 AND x(a)+1 <= 19 THE
N GO SUB 860
330 IF INKEY$="z" AND n-1 >=
0 THEN GO SUB 950
340 IF INKEY$="y" AND n-1 <=
31 THEN GO SUB 1030
350 IF INKEY$="k" AND m-1 >=
0 THEN GO SUB 1110
360 IF INKEY$="m" AND m+1 <=
20 THEN GO SUB 1180
370 IF INKEY$="j" THEN LET p
=m-1: GO SUB 1320
380 IF INKEY$="n" THEN LET p

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=m+1: GO SUB 1320
390 IF lives=0 THEN GO TO 420

400 IF total=damsel AND m=0 THE
N GO TO 460
410 GO TO 260
420 PAPER 6: CLS
430 PRINT INK 2; AT 10,3;"Hard
luck"
440 IF w=0 THEN PRINT INK 1;
AT 12,3;"You were unable to reac
h the": PRINT INK 1; AT 13,3;"d
amsel in time"
450 GO TO 570
460 IF damsel=3 THEN GO TO 530

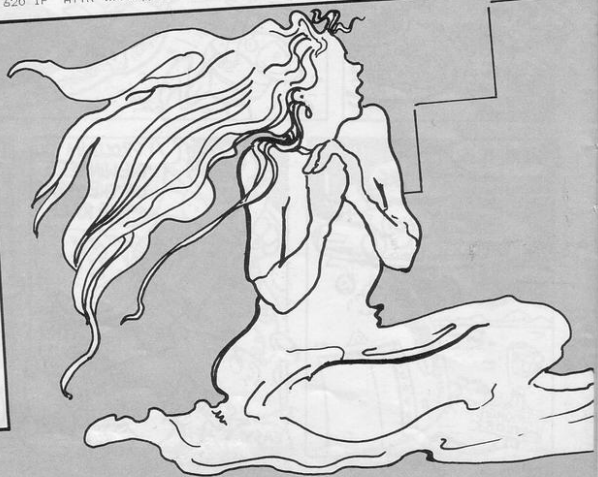
470 REM clear monsters
480 FOR l=1 TO monsters
490 PRINT AT x(l),y(l); " "
500 NEXT l
510 PRINT AT m,n; " "
520 GO TO 150
530 PAPER 6: CLS
540 PRINT INK 2; AT 10,3;"well
done you saved all three"
550 PRINT INK 2; AT 12,3;"dams
els"
560 FOR l=1 TO 5: BEEP .3,20: B
570 PRINT INK 1; AT 15,3;"Anot
her go y/n ?"
580 IF INKEY$="n" THEN GO TO
590
590 IF INKEY$="y" THEN GO TO
70
600 STOP
610 REM movement of monsters
620 IF ATTR (x(a),y(a)-1)=5 TH

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EN PRINT AT x(a),y(a); " ": GO
SUB 1270: RETURN
630 IF ATTR (x(a),y(a)-1)=4 TH
EN RETURN
640 IF ATTR (x(a),y(a)-1)=col
THEN RETURN
650 PRINT AT x(a),y(a); " "
660 LET y(a)=y(a)-1
670 BEEP .005,60
680 PRINT INK col; AT x(a),y(a
): CHR$ 146
690 RETURN
700 IF ATTR (x(a),y(a)+1)=5 TH
EN PRINT AT x(a),y(a); " ": GO
SUB 1270: RETURN
710 IF ATTR (x(a),y(a)+1)=4 TH
EN RETURN
720 IF ATTR (x(a),y(a)+1)=col
THEN RETURN
730 PRINT AT x(a),y(a); " "
740 LET y(a)=y(a)+1
750 BEEP .005,60
760 PRINT INK col; AT x(a),y(a
): CHR$ 146
770 RETURN
780 IF ATTR (x(a)-1,y(a))=5 TH
EN PRINT AT x(a),y(a); " ": GO
SUB 1270: RETURN
790 IF ATTR (x(a)-1,y(a))=4 TH
EN RETURN
800 IF ATTR (x(a)-1,y(a))=col
THEN RETURN
810 PRINT AT x(a),y(a); " "
820 LET x(a)=x(a)-1
830 BEEP .005,60
840 PRINT INK col; AT x(a),y(a
): CHR$ 146

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1370 PRINT AT p,n;" "
1380 RETURN
1390 REM movement of damsel
1400 IF ATTR (20,w-1)=5 THEN G
O SUB 1550: RETURN
1410 PRINT AT 20,w;" "
1420 LET w=w-1
1430 IF w=0 THEN LET lives=0: B
EEP .2,35: BEEP .2,25: BEEP .2,1
5: BEEP .2,5: RETURN
1440 PRINT INK 6: AT 20,w: CHR$
147
1450 RETURN
1460 REM create characters
1470 FOR q=10 TO 4: FOR u=0 TO 7:
  READ e: GOSUB USR CHR$(144+q)
  +u:e: NEXT u: NEXT q
1480 DATA 24,36,24,126,24,24,36,
66
1490 DATA 255,129,189,165,165,18
9,129,255
1500 DATA 129,66,36,98,189,90,25
5,153
1510 DATA 24,36,24,126,24,60,126
,255
1520 DATA 153,90,60,90,189,90,25
5,153
1530 RESTORE
1540 RETURN
1550 REM rescue of damsel
1560 PRINT AT 20,w;" "
1570 FLASH 1
1580 PRINT INK 5: AT m,n: CHR$
144
1590 BEEP .5,35: LET damsel=dams
el+1
1600 FLASH 0
1610 RETURN
1620 REM instructions
1630 PAPER 6: CLS
1650 PRINT INK 3: AT 2,0:"The o
blect of the game is to"
1660 PRINT INK 3:"descend throu
gh the maze to"
1670 PRINT INK 3:"rescue the da
msel and return"
1680 PRINT INK 3:"to the surfac
e.This task must"
1690 PRINT INK 3:"be completed
three times to"
1700 PRINT INK 3:"achieve your
quest.The maze is"
1710 PRINT INK 3:"is inhabited
by monsters which"
1720 PRINT INK 3:"you must avoi
d.You are allowed"
1730 PRINT INK 3:"two sticks of
dynamite on each"
1740 PRINT INK 3:"descent that
will help you blow"
1750 PRINT INK 3:"up the surrou
ding wall if you"
1760 PRINT INK 3:"get into diff
iculty."
1770 PRINT INK 1:" Keys to co
ntrol are"
1780 PRINT INK 4:"z-moves left"
1790 PRINT INK 4:"x-moves right"
1800 PRINT INK 4:"k-moves up"
1810 PRINT INK 4:"m-moves down"
1820 PRINT INK 4:"j-blows wall
above"
1830 PRINT INK 4:"n-blows wallb
elow"
1840 PRINT INK 5:"Press any key
to start"
1850 PAUSE 0
1860 RETURN

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850 RETURN
860 IF ATTR (x(a)+1,y(a))=5 TH
EN PRINT AT x(a),y(a);": GO
SUB 1270: RETURN
870 IF ATTR (x(a)+1,y(a))=4 TH
EN RETURN
880 IF ATTR (x(a)+1,y(a))=col
THEN RETURN
890 PRINT AT x(a),y(a);": "
900 LET x(a)=x(a)+1
910 BEEP .005,60
920 PRINT INK col: AT x(a),y(a
): CHR$ 146
930 RETURN
940 REM movement of man
950 IF ATTR (m,n-1)=col THEN
PRINT AT m,n;": LET n=n-1: GO
SUB 1270: RETURN
960 IF ATTR (m,n-1)=6 THEN PR
INT AT m,n;": LET n=n-1: GO S
UB 1550: RETURN
970 IF ATTR (m,n-1)=4 THEN RE
TURN
980 PRINT AT m,n;": "
990 LET n=n-1
1000 BEEP .005,5
1010 PRINT INK 5: AT m,n: CHR$
144
1020 RETURN
1030 IF ATTR (m,n+1)=col THEN
PRINT AT m,n;": LET n=n+1: GO
SUB 1270: RETURN
1040 IF ATTR (m,n+1)=6 THEN PR
INT AT m,n;": LET n=n+1: GO S
UB 1550: RETURN
1050 IF ATTR (m,n+1)=4 THEN RE
TURN
1060 PRINT AT m,n;": "
1070 LET n=n+1
1080 BEEP .005,5
1090 PRINT INK 5: AT m,n: CHR$
144

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1100 RETURN
1110 IF ATTR (m-1,n)=col THEN
PRINT AT m,n;": LET m=m-1: GO
SUB 1270: RETURN
1120 IF ATTR (m-1,n)=4 THEN RE
TURN
1130 PRINT AT m,n;": "
1140 LET m=m-1
1150 BEEP .005,5
1160 PRINT INK 5: AT m,n: CHR$
144
1170 RETURN
1180 IF ATTR (m+1,n)=col THEN
PRINT AT m,n;": LET m=m+1: GO
SUB 1270: RETURN
1190 IF ATTR (m+1,n)=6 THEN PR
INT AT m,n;": LET m=m+1: GO S
UB 1550: RETURN
1200 IF ATTR (m+1,n)=4 THEN RE
TURN
1210 PRINT AT m,n;": "
1220 LET m=m+1
1230 BEEP .005,5
1240 PRINT INK 5: AT m,n: CHR$
144
1250 RETURN
1260 REM collision of man and mo
nster
1270 PRINT INK 5: AT m,n: CHR$
144
1280 FOR o=10 TO 60 STEP 10: BEE
P .5,o: NEXT o
1290 LET lives=0
1300 RETURN
1310 REM explosion of wall
1320 LET dynamite=dynamite-1
1330 IF dynamite<0 THEN RETURN
1340 IF ATTR (p,n) > 4 THEN R
ETURN
1350 PRINT INK 2: AT p,n;":*
1360 BEEP 1,55

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So far, *Sinclair Programs'* attempts at ZX-81 sound have been confined to a variety of raucous squeaks and off-key squawks. Paddy Moindrot of Oswestry, Shropshire puts an end to that with a machine code routine which will produce recognisable Tunes on your ZX-81.

The routine works by modifying the SAVE command to produce tunes read from data in a line two REM statement. It is operated by the command RAND USR 16514, and will produce sound through your TV set or tape monitor.

When using this routine, turn up the TV sound. You may have to readjust your set slightly. While making the sounds the screen will display saving lines, but will return to normal display when the sounds are finished.

First enter listing one, SAVE it, and RUN it. If you have entered it correctly it will tell you so, and you can then delete all but line one, which is the heart of the sound routine.

To test the routine, enter listing 2 and RUN it in FAST mode. You can change the line two REM statement to whatever you want, as long as it contains an even number of characters. At present it contains a name and address, which produce an "arcade-style" noise.

For more serious uses, such as the storing and playing of actual tunes, a program to enter data is needed. This is listing three, which should be added after the basic line one. A line two REM with an even number of characters should be added. Again, SAVE the program before RUNNING. It will ask you for duration (1 to 255) and note (1 to 155) and ends when line two is filled.

TUNES...

Listing 2

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2 REM PADDY MOINDROT,LLANGUDU
  VN,OSWESTRY,SHROPSHIRE,SY20 SLV
  KEY:PRINT "GO ON THEN...PRESS A"
  4 PAUSE 454
  8 RAND USR 16514
  10 GOTO 3
```

Listing 3

```
3 REM ..DUMMY.CHRS=2.FOR EACH
  .NOTE.
  100 LET DATA=16553
  110 LET L=PEEK 16550-2
  120 IF L<0 THEN L=L+256
  130 IF L<0 THEN L=L+256
  140 OR TAKE ANY ONE CHRS PRO
  150 LINE 2 REM:END
  160 FOR X=0 TO L-2
  170 PRINT "DURATION "
  180 PRINT D
  190 PRINT "NOTE "
  200 INPUT N
  210 PRINT N
  220 FOR K=0 TO N-1
  230 POKE DATA+X,D
  240 LET X=X+1
  250 NEXT X
  260 PRINT "DATA NOW ENTERED IN
  270 TWO-TO TEST,ENTER RAND USR
  16514"
```

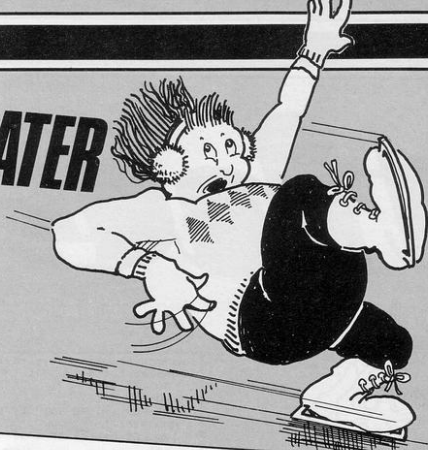
Listing 1

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INDY THE SKATER

Round and round the pond goes Indy the Skater, moving faster and faster. Then, just as this game begins, the temperature drops and much of the ice on the pond becomes lethal black ice. Control Indy with keys five and eight to keep her circling the pond and save her from hitting the black ice.

Written for the 16K ZX-81 by Wayne Pope and Michael Walters of Faversham, Kent.



```

5 REM INDY
6 LET S=0
7 GOTO 1000
10 LET A=520
15 LET B=-1
20 LET P=PEEK 16396+PEEK 16397
25 S=S+1
30 PRINT "

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40 PRINT "

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200 POKE P+A,0
205 LET C=B
210 LET D$=INKEY$
215 IF D$="8" THEN GOTO 270
220 IF D$="5" THEN GOTO 310
225 IF B=-32 THEN LET B=-33
230 IF B=-1 THEN LET B=-32
235 IF B=-34 THEN LET B=-32
240 IF B=-33 THEN LET B=-34
245 IF B=-32 THEN LET B=-33
250 IF B=-1 THEN LET B=-32
255 IF B=-34 THEN LET B=-1
260 IF B=-33 AND C=-33 THEN LET
B=-34
265 GOTO 310
270 IF B=-34 THEN LET B=-33
275 IF B=-1 THEN LET B=-34
280 IF B=-32 THEN LET B=-1
285 IF B=-33 THEN LET B=-32
290 IF B=-34 THEN LET B=-33
295 IF B=-1 THEN LET B=-34
300 IF B=-32 THEN LET B=-1
305 IF B=-33 AND C=-33 THEN LET
B=-32
310 LET A=A+B
315 IF PEEK (P+A)<>0 THEN GOTO
350
320 POKE P+A,52

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321 LET S=S+1
325 GOTO 200
350 GOTO 1360
1000 PRINT TAB 9;"INDY"
1001 PRINT TAB 9;"INDY"
1002 PRINT TAB 9;"INDY"
1003 PRINT TAB 9;"INDY"
1010 PRINT AT 5,15;"BY";AT 7,11;
"WAYNE POPE";AT 9,14;"AND";AT
11,9;"MICHAEL WALTERS";AT 16,6;"
PRESS "C" TO CONTINUE"
1020 IF INKEY$<>"C" THEN GOTO 10
20
1030 CLS
1060 PRINT AT 1,13;"KEYS";AT 2,1
3;"-----";AT 4,8;"5<LEFT RIGHT>8
1070 PRINT AT 8,9;"PLAYER SELECT
";AT 9,9;"-----"
1080 PRINT AT 11,11;"1 PLAYER";A
T 13,11;"2 PLAYERS"
1085 LET A$=INKEY$
1090 IF A$="1" OR A$="2" THEN GO
TO 1100
1095 GOTO 1085
1100 IF A$="1" THEN LET Z=1
1105 IF A$="2" THEN LET Z=2
1110 PRINT AT 9+(Z*2),11;CHR$(Z
+156)
1115 FOR X=1 TO 50
1120 NEXT X
1125 CLS
1130 DIM X(Z)
1135 FOR N=1 TO Z
1140 PRINT AT 12,12;"PLAYER ";N
1145 FOR M=1 TO 50
1150 NEXT M
1155 CLS
1165 GOTO 10
1360 FOR F=0 TO 21
1365 SCROLL
1370 PRINT "*****"
1375 NEXT F
1380 FOR G=1 TO 20
1385 PRINT AT 11,13;"CRASH"
1390 PRINT AT 11,13;"CRASH"
1395 NEXT G
1400 PRINT AT 15,9;"YOUR SCORE W
AS ";S
1405 PRINT AT 17,10;"PRESS A KEY"
1410 PAUSE 4E4
1420 CLS
1425 LET S=0
1430 NEXT N
1440 CLS
1490 GOTO 1000

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10 REM Puzzler by Chris Hall

20 REM 49K ZX Spectrum
25 REM For SINCLAIR PROGRAMS

30 PAPER 6: BORDER 6: INK 2: C
LS

31 CLEAR 63999

32 LET hi=0

33 LET n\$="ZX SPECCY"

34 POKE 23609,7

35 GO SUB 9e3

40 PRINT AT 1,8; INVERSE 1;"S
inclair Programs"; AT 1,6; INVER
SE 0; INK 3;"CD"; AT 1,25; INK 3
;"D"

45 PRINT AT 3,12;"present"

50 RANDOMIZE USR 60059

53 PRINT AT 6,4;

55 RESTORE 60: READ a\$: FOR f=
1 TO LEN a\$: PRINT a\$(f); BEEP
.004,f*2

56 NEXT f

60 DATA "The Puzzler by Chris
Hall"

65 PRINT #0: " Press any key
to continue "

66 PAUSE 0: BEEP .1,10; BEEP .

1,13; CLS

69 BORDER 6

70 LET z\$="vgtniekbriopelusta
cesrliezavndpecadmtkduenosdwoa

mshugeyklmbjqoahefyeitbylialwiug
rnhsseitaccal"

80 LET y\$=""

90 DIM s(16)

100 FOR i=1 TO 16: LET k= INT (

RND *16)+1

120 LET k=k+1: IF k=17 THEN LE

T k=1

130 IF s(k)=1 THEN GO TO 120

140 LET y\$=y\$+z\$(6*(k-1)+ INT (

RND *6)+1)

150 LET s(k)=1

160 NEXT i

230 PRINT AT 18,0; INVERSE 1;

INK 3; BRIGHT 1;"Do you want in

structions?(y/n) "

240 IF INKEY\$="n" OR INKEY\$

="N" THEN BEEP .1,10; BEEP .1,1

3; CLS: BORDER 6; GO TO 1e3

250 IF INKEY\$="y" OR INKEY\$

="Y" THEN CLS: BEEP .1,10; BEE

P .1,13; BORDER 7: GO TO 2e3

260 GO TO 240

300 INK 2: PAPER 6: BORDER 6: C

LS: FOR f=1 TO 3: FOR i=1 TO 7:

PRINT AT 2,10; INK 1;"The Puzz

ler": NEXT i: NEXT f: PRINT AT

2,11; INK 2;"The Puzzler"

305 INK 0: PLOT 80,127: DRAW 10

,10: DRAW 88,0: DRAW -10,-10: DR

AW 10,10: DRAW 0,-87: DRAW -10,-

10

400 INVERSE 1: INK 1: PAPER 7

410 PRINT AT 6,10;"

"

420 FOR i=7 TO 16

430 PRINT AT 1,10;" ": AT 1,20

;" "

440 NEXT i

450 PRINT AT 16,10;"

"

460 INVERSE 0

500 LET m=93: LET n=54

510 FOR i=m TO m+48 STEP 16

520 FOR j=n TO n+48 STEP 16

530 LET y\$: LET x=1

540 PLOT x,y: DRAW 0,12: BEEP .

0016,50

550 LET y=y-1: LET x=x+1

560 FOR k=1 TO 12: PLOT x,y: DR

AW 0,14: LET x=x+1: NEXT k

590 LET y=y+1

600 PLOT x,y: DRAW 0,12

610 NEXT j

620 NEXT i

625 LET i= USR bleep

630 RETURN

700 REM letter selection

701 LET w\$=y\$

740 RANDOMIZE : FOR i=12 TO 18

STEP 2: FOR j=8 TO 14 STEP 2: PR

INT AT j,i,w\$(INT (RND *16)+1

): NEXT j: NEXT i

770 RETURN

1000 PRINT AT 18,0;"

" : GO SUB 3

e2

1010 GO SUB 7e2

1020 POKE 23672,0

1030 POKE 23673,0

1040 LET min\$: LET sec=0

1050 LET tim=0

1060 IF tim<50: (PEEK 23672+256*

PEEK 23673) THEN GO TO 1060

1070 LET sec=sec+1: IF sec=60 TH

EN LET sec=0: LET min=min+1

1080 LET tim=tim+50

1090 LET s\$="Time = " + STR\$ min+

" :

1100 IF sec<10 THEN LET s\$=s\$+"

0"

1110 LET s\$=s\$+ STR\$ sec: BEEP .

001,55

1120 PRINT AT 20,1;s\$

1140 IF min<3 THEN GO TO 1060

1150 PRINT AT 20,18: FLASH 1: I

NK 2: BRIGHT 1;"Time Up!"; FLASH

0: FOR f=1 TO 3: RANDOMIZE USR

60035: RANDOMIZE USR 60083: NE

XT f

1151 RANDOMIZE USR 60059

1155 LET i= USR bleep

1160 PAUSE 2e2

1190 PRINT AT 6,1;"Letters"; AT

6,24;"Points"

1200 PRINT AT 8,1;"3 or 4": AT

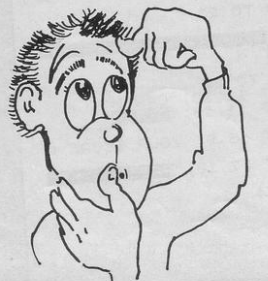
8,26;"1": AT 10,3;"5": AT 10,26;

"2": AT 12,3;"6": AT 12,26;"3":

AT 14,3;"7": AT 14,26;"5": AT 16

,0;"8 or more": AT 16,26;"10"

1240 FOR i=1 TO 3



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1250 RESTORE 1260: FOR f=1 TO 8:
  READ t,n: BEEP t,n: NEXT f: PAU
  SE 40:
  1260 DATA .1,11,.1,11,.8,16,.05,
  11,.05,16,.05,11,.05,16,1,20
  1270 NEXT 1
  1271 POKE 23617,236: INPUT "What
  was the top score ":"thi
  1272 IF thi>hi THEN LET hi=thi:
  GO TO 1278
  1273 IF thi<hi THEN GO TO 1279
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1274 IF thi=hi THEN GO TO 1279
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1278 POKE 23617,236: INPUT "By w
  hom ":"n#": IF "LEN n#>20 THEN GO
  TO 1278
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1279 BORDER 6: PAPER 6: INK 3: C
  LS : PRINT AT 0,0: INVERSE 1: B
  RIGHT 1:"Today's highest score i
  s ":"hi"" INVERSE 1: BRIGHT 1:"b
  y":"FLASH 0: BRIGHT 0:" ":"FLASH
  1: BRIGHT 1n: FLASH 0: BRIGHT 0:
  ":" : RANDOMIZE USR bleep: PA
  USE 0
```

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1280 FOR f=1 TO 6: RANDOMIZE US
  R 60083: NEXT f: FOR f=1 TO 5: R
  ANDOMIZE USR 60035: NEXT f: RAN
  DOMIZE USR 60059: RANDOMIZE US
  R 60059
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1289 BORDER 5: PAPER 5: INK 1: C
  LS
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1290 PRINT "Press a key to run t
  he program again": PAUSE 0: BEE
  P .1,10: BEEP .1,13
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1999 BORDER 6: PAPER 6: CLS : GO
  TO 69
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```
2000 BORDER 5: PAPER 5: INK 1: C
  LS
```

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2001 PRINT AT 2,0:
  2010 RESTORE 2020: READ a: FOR
  f=1 TO LEN a: PRINT a(f): BEE
  P .0009,30: BEEP .0008,40
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2011 IF f/32=INT (f/32) THEN F
  OR e=1 TO 4: BEEP .01,30: NEXT e
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2012 NEXT f
  2020 DATA "THE PUZZLER is a game
  for 2 to 6 players of any age.
  The object is to list as many wo
  rds as possible within three
  minutes...Each player should ha
  ve a pen and paper to note his
  or her words, and there should
  be no peeping at another pl
  ayer's words!!The 3 minutes
  starts as soon as the clock at
  the foot of the screen starts.Wo
  rds are got by the use of adjoini
  ng letters.They may be joined an
  y way including diagonally!"
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2021 PRINT ""PRESS ANY KEY..."
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2022 BEEP .002, INT (RND *50)
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2023 IF INKEY#="" THEN GO TO
  2022
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2024 BEEP .1,10: BEEP .1,13: CLS
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2025 BORDER 7
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```
2190 LET w$=y$: LET y$="achionea
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klmstsal"
  2230 GO SUB 3e2: GO SUB 7e2
  2231 PRINT AT 19,0: INVERSE 1:
  INK 3: BRIGHT 1:"This is what a
  typical screen looks like..."
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2240 PRINT "PRESS ANY KEY..." : P
  AUSE 0
  2241 BEEP .1,10: BEEP .1,13: CLS
```

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2420 PRINT "Proper names,abbrevi
  ations and hyphenated words are
  n't allowed.Check that all words
  are spelt curekly!If two or m
  ore players have the same word,t
  his should be crossed off their
  list.The score should be calc
  ulated from the remaining words."
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2540 PRINT AT 12,2:"Press a key
  to start a game...": PAUSE 0: B
  EEP .1,10: BEEP .1,13
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2560 LET y$=w$: CLS : GO TO 1e3
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B999 STOP
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9000 CLS
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9001 REM mc=udgs
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9005 RESTORE 9010: FOR f=60000 T
  O 60106: READ mc: POKE f,mc: NEX
  T f
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```
9010 DATA 1,10,7,33,255,0,17,10,
  0,29,213,197,205,181,3,193,209,2
```

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25,125,145,111,16,242,251,201
  9011 DATA 33,100,1,17,1,0,205,18
  1,3,201
  9012 DATA 1,30,3,33,255,0,17,100
  ,0,229,213,197,205,181,3,193,209
  ,225,125,145,111,16,242,201
  9013 DATA 1,10,100,33,255,0,17,7
  0,0,229,213,197,205,181,3,193,209
  ,225,125,145,111,16,242,201
  9014 DATA 1,10,75,33,255,11,17,1
  ,0,229,213,197,205,181,3,193,209
  ,225,125,12,11,16,242,201
```

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9019 RESTORE 9050
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9020 FOR f= USR "C" TO USR "D"+
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7
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9030 READ usr: POKE f,usr: NEXT
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f
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9070 DATA 24,56,127,255,127,56,2
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4,0,0,0,255,255,255,0,0,0
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9100 RESTORE 9200: FOR f=42340 T
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O 42360: READ mc: POKE f,mc: NEX
```

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T f
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9200 DATA 33,24,1,17,10,0,6,255,
```

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229,213,197,205,181,3,193,209,22
```

```
5,43,16,244,201
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9210 LET bleep=42340
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9220 LET f=clis=32000
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9230 RESTORE 9240: FOR f=32000 T
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```
O 32037: READ data: POKE f,data:
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NEXT f
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```
9240 DATA 243,6,25,197,33,0,64,2
```

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2,0,62,236,6,25,35,94,245,123,21
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1,254,241,43,115,35,16,244,114,3
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5,61,32,237,193,16,226,205,107,1
```

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3,251,201
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```
9997 RETURN
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9998 STOP
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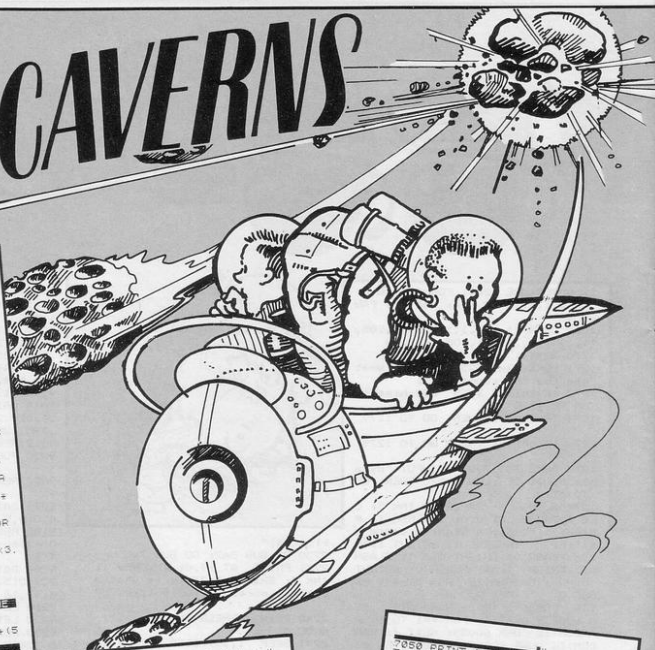
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9999 SAVE "Puzzler48K" LINE 1
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The Puzzler, written for the 48K Spectrum by Chris Hall of Belfast, Northern Ireland, is an extremely well-presented Basic program including some machine-code routines.

A square of 16 letters is displayed on screen. Combine adjoining letters to form as many words as possible, while three minutes tick by on the on-screen clock. Play by yourself, or with friends. Top score in the Sinclair Programs office was a paltry five!





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005 LET Q=INT (RND*5)
010 PRINT AT 0,1;A;Q
015 LET Z:=Q+1 AND 1
020 P=PEEK (PEEK 16398+256+
025 16399)
030 IF Z=0 THEN GOTO 0300
035 IF Z=1 THEN GOTO 0300
040 IF Z=2 THEN GOTO 0300
045 IF Z=3 THEN GOTO 0300
050 LET A$=(INKEY$="S" AND A:3)
055 IF (INKEY$="S" AND A:1)
060 LET B$=INT (RND+2)+1
065 NEXT A
070 PRINT AT 0,2;A;B
080 IF B=16418 THEN
085 PRINT AT 0,2;A;B
090 IF B=16418 THEN
095 PRINT AT 0,1;A;1
100 IF B=16418 THEN
105 PRINT AT 0,1;A;1
110 IF B=16418 THEN
115 PRINT AT 0,1;A;1
120 IF B=16418 THEN
125 PRINT AT 0,1;A;1
130 IF B=16418 THEN
135 PRINT AT 0,1;A;1
140 IF B=16418 THEN
145 PRINT AT 0,1;A;1
150 IF B=16418 THEN
155 PRINT AT 0,1;A;1
160 IF B=16418 THEN
165 PRINT AT 0,1;A;1
170 IF B=16418 THEN
175 PRINT AT 0,1;A;1
180 IF B=16418 THEN
185 PRINT AT 0,1;A;1
190 IF B=16418 THEN
195 PRINT AT 0,1;A;1
200 IF B=16418 THEN
205 PRINT AT 0,1;A;1
210 IF B=16418 THEN
215 PRINT AT 0,1;A;1
220 IF B=16418 THEN
225 PRINT AT 0,1;A;1
230 IF B=16418 THEN
235 PRINT AT 0,1;A;1
240 IF B=16418 THEN
245 PRINT AT 0,1;A;1
250 IF B=16418 THEN
255 PRINT AT 0,1;A;1
260 IF B=16418 THEN
265 PRINT AT 0,1;A;1
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275 PRINT AT 0,1;A;1
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285 PRINT AT 0,1;A;1
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295 PRINT AT 0,1;A;1
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695 PRINT AT 0,1;A;1
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745 PRINT AT 0,1;A;1
750 IF B=16418 THEN
755 PRINT AT 0,1;A;1
760 IF B=16418 THEN
765 PRINT AT 0,1;A;1
770 IF B=16418 THEN
775 PRINT AT 0,1;A;1
780 IF B=16418 THEN
785 PRINT AT 0,1;A;1
790 IF B=16418 THEN
795 PRINT AT 0,1;A;1
800 IF B=16418 THEN
805 PRINT AT 0,1;A;1
810 IF B=16418 THEN
815 PRINT AT 0,1;A;1
820 IF B=16418 THEN
825 PRINT AT 0,1;A;1
830 IF B=16418 THEN
835 PRINT AT 0,1;A;1
840 IF B=16418 THEN
845 PRINT AT 0,1;A;1
850 IF B=16418 THEN
855 PRINT AT 0,1;A;1
860 IF B=16418 THEN
865 PRINT AT 0,1;A;1
870 IF B=16418 THEN
875 PRINT AT 0,1;A;1
880 IF B=16418 THEN
885 PRINT AT 0,1;A;1
890 IF B=16418 THEN
895 PRINT AT 0,1;A;1
900 IF B=16418 THEN
905 PRINT AT 0,1;A;1
910 IF B=16418 THEN
915 PRINT AT 0,1;A;1
920 IF B=16418 THEN
925 PRINT AT 0,1;A;1
930 IF B=16418 THEN
935 PRINT AT 0,1;A;1
940 IF B=16418 THEN
945 PRINT AT 0,1;A;1
950 IF B=16418 THEN
955 PRINT AT 0,1;A;1
960 IF B=16418 THEN
965 PRINT AT 0,1;A;1
970 IF B=16418 THEN
975 PRINT AT 0,1;A;1
980 IF B=16418 THEN
985 PRINT AT 0,1;A;1
990 IF B=16418 THEN
995 PRINT AT 0,1;A;1

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Returning from a scouting trip carrying valuable mineral samples you must return safely to your mother ship. Dodge the chunky asteroids, then negotiate the tortuous paths of Hell's Caverns before you can attempt to dock with the mothership. Use key 5 to move left, and key 8 to move right.

Written for the 16K ZX-81 by Stuart Green of York.



GOLF

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10 BORDER 4: PAPER 4: INK 0: C
LS
20 PRINT AT 0,13;"GOLF"
30 PRINT AT 2,0:"The idea of
the game is to aim the golf bal
l into the hole. You will hav
e control of:-"; AT 6,0;"Velocit
y - positive values up to
50.
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Angle
- positive values up to <
40 PRINT AT 12,4;"Play lasts
for 9 holes."; AT 14,0;"Press an
y key to commence play.": PAUSE
0
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50 CLS : LET br=100
60 FOR a=0 TO 39: READ b: POKE
USR "a"+a,b: NEXT a: LET t=0
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70 FOR a=1 TO 9: LET s=1: LET
h= INT (100+RND *150)
80 PAUSE 50: CLS : PRINT AT 2
0,0: INK 7;"B": AT 21,0;"C": CIR
CLE h+4,2,2: PLOT h+4,2: DRAW 0,
20: DRAW -4,-4: DRAW 4,-4: PRINT
AT 0,0;"Shot number=";s: AT 2,
0;"Hole number=";a: AT 4,0;"Yard
s to hole=";h
90 INPUT "Velocity " ;u: IF u>5
0 OR u<0 THEN GO TO 90
100 INPUT "Angle " ;z: IF z>80 O
R z<10 THEN GO TO 100
110 LET u=u-1: LET z=z*PI /180
: PRINT AT 20,0: INK 7;"D": AT
21,0;"E": BEEP .5,30
120 FOR x=0 TO 255
130 LET w=x/(u* COS z): LET y=w
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*(u* SIN z-4.9*w): IF y<0 AND x>
0 THEN GO TO 160
140 PLOT INK 7;x+4,y
150 NEXT x
160 LET s=s+1: LET h= ABS (h-x)
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170 IF h <= 10 THEN GO TO 190
180 GO TO 80
190 CLS
200 IF h=0 THEN PRINT AT 1,0:
"You have managed to drive the
ball into the hole.": LET t=t+s
-1
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210 IF h>0 THEN PRINT AT 0,0:
"Your ball lands on the green an
d you manage to putt the ball wit
h your next shot.": LET t=t+s
220 PRINT AT 4,0:"Your score ca
rd to date is:-"; AT 6,0;t;" sho
ts taken for ";a;" holes.": AT 1
0,0;"Press any key to continue p
lay."
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230 PAUSE 0: NEXT a: IF t<br TH
EN LET br=t: PRINT AT 10,0;"Yo
u have completed the best ro
und of golf on this course by sc
oring a ";br;"."
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240 PRINT AT 15,0:"Press any k
ey for another game.": PAUSE 0:
RESTORE : GO TO 60
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300 DATA 240,240,112,48,16,16,1
6,16
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310 DATA 6,6,196,132,140,148,17
2,244
```

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320 DATA 4,4,11,17,17,17,17,17
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330 DATA 12,12,8,8,62,42,42,42
```

```
340 DATA 60,8,60,74,74,74,90
```

This game of Golf is played over nine holes and the aim is, of course, to hit your ball into the holes using as few strokes as possible. You choose the velocity and angle of the golf ball, the computer will do the rest.

Written for the Spectrum by David Yates.





QUESTLINE

Spiderman and The Sandman Cometh

Cathy Foot looks at Spiderman, the latest in the Questprobe series, and The Sandman cometh, from Stardreams.

PSST — hey, you out there — wanna trade places with Spiderman? You can now, you know!

There is never a dull moment in this job — only yesterday I was Spiderman, opening lift gates with my super spider powers, since I had become tired of waiting for a lift that would not come, climbing up the lift shaft, and generally being Spiderman to the best of my poor ability.

There I was, trying my wings as Spiderman for the first time. I knew already that I was expected to move in three dimensions in this game, rather than its being all on the same level — it was for this reason that I was told not to map the games being reviewed this month, after all — but the darn lift would not come and I was unable to find the stairs, so I exerted my spider powers and snapped those gates open — still no lift! Ah, well, now was as good a time as any to find out whether I was Spiderman or Peter Parker at that

moment. I stepped out bravely into the void and found myself clinging to the side of the lift shaft. I tried going down, but "something stops me".

The Health and Safety boys slipped up badly over the fire regulations on this building, since the only means of access between floors seems to be a non-operating lift: I found no sign of a staircase taking off from any of the lobbies nor even any way out of the building for anyone not in the possession of super powers.

But the building is even weirder than that — what I have said so far merely makes it a fire trap. Take a GOOD look at the design of this building, I'm VERY glad I was specifically told NOT to produce any maps for this month's issue! Have you spotted what is wrong with the building yet? Take it very slowly — open the lift doors and go up a floor; you come out onto a very small amount of floor space, so small that it consists of only the waiting room.

There is an exit from the waiting room, but you NEED to be a Superhero to take it, since, when you go west from here it is punningly correct for a normal person, because you find yourself clinging to the OUTSIDE wall at

the TOP of a skyscraper (you can get onto the roof of the building too, by the way!).

Now go back in, re-enter the lift shaft and go up a floor, where you will find five rooms cunningly balanced on top of the ONE room below them, and one floor ABOVE the top floor. The Planning Department must have been drunk to a man when they passed this one! Euclid's enemies strike again!

While wandering round this aMAZEing building you will discover many enemies going about their nefarious businesses — or should I say "staying" about their businesses, since they never seem to leave their rooms. Funny, that. For a moment, at least, I thought I was in the Daily Bugle offices, but even Jonah would not employ these guys.

The only thing that I have found for sure that works in the room with the gem fragment and the Natter Energy Egg, is to back out again fast, otherwise you need to take an interesting side trip into Limbo — somewhere below Heaven and above Earth, I gather — before getting back to the nitty-gritty of solving the game and saving the world.

Another problem I hit was in playing around with the chemicals — you always seem to have too many to be able to mix them together but, since the Spectrum recognises the word "mix," it must be possible to mix them somehow. Try a stricter segregation between the ingredients you want to mix and the rest — such as putting a closed door between them.

One of the more pleasant aspects of this game is the ease with which one can shrug off one's disappointments. Somehow, finding that the solution of the first problem leads directly to the emergence of a fresh one can be accepted with equanimity — like the problem of walking about on

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walls. Something stops me. Since it cannot be sheer terror that stops Spiderman, it is more than likely to be problems with web. Yes, web dispensers are empty. O.K. that must be what some of the chemicals are for, to make some more. Even if this is not what is stopping me from moving over the sides of the building, Spiderman cannot fight with empty web dispensers. It would be like asking James Bond to fight with an empty gun.

If you remember that Spiderman is never a vandal, you may save yourself time and effort, although there is at least one place where he is allowed to break something — he is allowed to remove some wire mesh in order to enter the ventilation system.

At no time in Spiderman did I actually get down and chew the carpet in rage and frustration, although other games have left their mark and, until **SOMEONE** invents a logical, acceptable vocabulary **AND MAKES IT STICK**, there will always be programs best worked at from inside a padded cell and with expert medical advice on hand.

There is another category of adventures — the "too clever by

half" school and, unfortunately, it is here that **The Sandman Cometh** belongs. Sure, once you discover what is going on, everything makes sense, but so what?

It took me ages to get into **The Sandman Cometh**. I get a distinct feeling that they were impressed by **Mindbender** from Gilsoft — so was I — but this program is too complicated for my liking, if only because I found no satisfaction in solving any of the problems set.

I must admire the **SCREEN\$**. When that came up I quivered with anticipation, if the program was as titillating I was in for something really good. I could hardly wait! Then came a string of disappointments; first one of my cats walked across the keyboard while I was out of the room, and, in so doing, broke into the program for me. I have no idea how it was done all I know is that it **CAN** be broken into. Next I could not get through the door. It took me ages to find the key — I forgot I had been told where to find it — "tmcqd sgd lzs." If you also need to know, move the letters in that phrase on by one.

On the other side of the door lies a corridor with rooms off it on either side. These rooms are best

tackled in the order that you come to them, as they get progressively more difficult and, while it is not too obvious at the start, if you have not coped with the first one, you lack the information, etc., to tackle subsequent ones.

The first time I went through I was just browsing, with the result that the only thing that happened in the Cheddar Cat's room was that I picked up some items and the lifejacket disappeared in a puff of smoke, but I got out asleep. I was shot dead by the gunslinger in the third room, and woke up, and could do nothing at all in the 007 cell. There, before I awoke, I was told that I had tackled this room out of turn and in a state of unpreparedness, which was true enough, but rather depressing.

Then the universe folds itself. I have crossed this point, but some things should be left undisclosed.

Let us go more fully into what lies beyond the first door, on which is written "All The Fun Of." Inside you are looking at a fairground. There are only two routes you can take. It would appear that you are not allowed to walk on the grass, so take the paths and use the compass given; but before you do, pick up the mallet and stake, you do need them.

I would suggest you then take a trip on the Ghost Train, which offers a better than average ride — all the way to Transylvania where, as you can guess, you find a use for the mallet and stake. You cannot take the round trip by train, but there is a way through if you don't mind getting wet which takes you back to the fairground and your next problem — the Shooting Gallery.

Best of luck, and keep calm.

I think it fair to say that if you enjoy games like **Mindbender**, and can cope with the lateral thinking and variable vocabularies without too much frustration, you may well enjoy this game — I did not.

Spiderman is produced by **Adventure International**, 85 New Summer Street, Birmingham and costs £9.95.

The Sandman Cometh is produced by **Star Dreams**, 17 Barn Close, Seaford, East Sussex and costs £10.95.

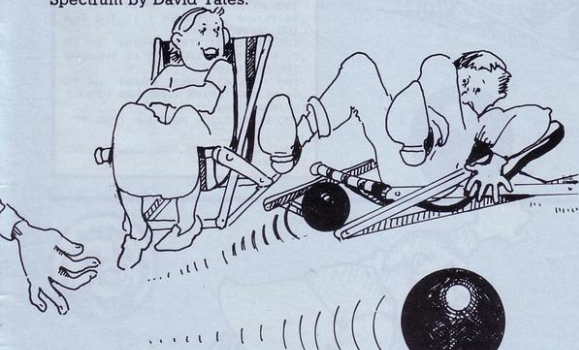
Programming -- Slow and easy with Computer Sloth



AIM YOUR bowling ball at the white jack. Points will be awarded for accuracy and the winner will be the player with the most points at the end of the game. You have control of both the strength and the bias of the ball.

Bowling was written for the Spectrum by David Yates.

BOWLING



THIS program uses a special graphic character. It is indicated in this listing as an underlined "A". To enter, press "A" in graphics mode (Caps shift/9).

VARIABLES

A variable is a name you give a value which will then tell your Spectrum where the value is stored in memory. A list of the important variables will help you to understand how Bowls works. j1 and j2 are scores for the two players

e is the strength of a bowl (measured as the number of pixels or adjacent dots the bowl will run on the screen).

f is the bias of a bowl (measured as the maximum number of pixels the bowl can deviate either side of a straight run).

z and y are the coordinates of the jack, selected randomly for each bowl.

d is the player number (1 or 2).

HOW IT WORKS

Line

10

Sets screen colours and scores to zero.

20-40

Print instructions and wait for key press to start.

50

Reads data for the User Defined Graphic representing a ball (bowl or jack) and POKes into graphic "A".

60

Starts looping for a five bowl count (loop counter c). Calls subroutine at lines 110-120 to find coordinates of the jack. Starts loop for player number (loop counter d).

70-80

Prompt player d for strength and bias and check that answers are within limits. Reset amount of deviation (h) to zero.

90

Loop on pixel count for strength of bowl (counter g). Calculates x coordinate of bowl for each y pixel move. The bowl always starts with $x = 125$ pixels on the bottom row (i.e. $y = g = 0$). The deviation is given by $f \sin h$, where h is incremented by $\pi/280$ for each loop. This gives a sine wave pattern with a maximum swing (plus or minus depending on sign of bias) at 140 pixel rows up from the bottom of the screen.

100

Calls the subroutine at lines 130 to 140 to calculate the score. Loops back for next player. Calls subroutine at line 150 to print scores for both players on each bowl and loops back for next bowl.

110-120

Subroutine to calculate and print random coordinates of jack.

130-140

Subroutine to work out scores. i1 and i2 are x and y distances between bowl and jack, with i as the resultant. Maximum score for one bowl is 100. Score is added to appropriate player's total score.

150

Subroutine to print score, and return for next bowl.

160-180

Print final score when five bowls each played.

190

Re-run. Data for UDG.

2000

Continued on next page

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10 BORDER 4: PAPER 4: INK 0:
CLS: LET J1=0: LET J2=0
20 PRINT AT 0,12:"BOWLS": AT
2,0:"The idea of the game is to
aim your bowl at the white 'jac
k'. Points are awarded for accu
racy, and the winner is the playe
r whosecores the most points.": A
T 8,0:"You have control of:-"
30 PRINT AT 10,0:"STRENGTH -
A positive value

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between 0 & 170.": AT 13,0:"BIAS
= +ve/-ve values up to
125.": AT 16,0:"NB. Positi
ve values will cause deviation
to the right, whilst negative
values to the left."
40 PRINT AT 20,0:"Press any k
ey to commence play (lasting fo
r 5 bowling 'ends').": PAUSE 0:
CLS
50 FOR a=0 TO 7: READ b: POKE
USR "a"+a,b: NEXT a

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60 FOR c=1 TO 5: GO SUB 110: F
OR d=1 TO 2
70 INPUT "Strength "g: IF e>1
70 OR e<0 THEN GO TO 70
80 LET h=0: INPUT "Bias "f: I
F f<-125 OR f>125 THEN GO TO 80

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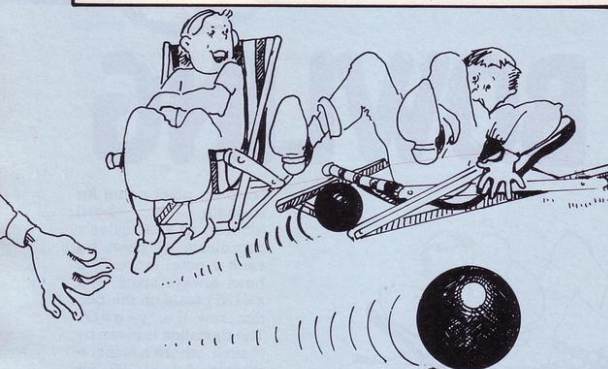
90 FOR g=0 TO e: PLOT INK d:1
25:(f*SIN h),g: BEEP (0,1,(d*20)
: LET h=h+(PI/280): NEXT g
100 GO SUB 130: NEXT d: GO SUB
150
110 LET x=INT (3+RND*24): LET
Y=INT (RND*15): PRINT AT 2
1,15:"A": AT Y,X: INK 7:"A"
120 LET x=(x*8)+4: LET y=((21-y
)*8)+4: RETURN
130 LET i1=ABS (x-125-(f*SIN
h)): LET i2=ABS (y-e): LET i=10
0-(INT (SQR ((i1^2)+(i2^2))))

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140 LET j1=j1+((2-d)*i): LET j2
=j2+(d-1)*i: RETURN
150 PRINT AT 0,0:"Player 1=":j
1: AT 0,15:"Player 2=":j2: BEEP
1,45: CLS: NEXT c
160 IF j1>j2 THEN PRINT AT 10
,0:"FLASH 1:""PLAYER 1 IS THE BOW
LING CHAMPION"
170 IF j2>j1 THEN PRINT AT 10
,0:"FLASH 1:""PLAYER 2 IS THE BOW
LING CHAMPION"
180 IF j1=j2 THEN PRINT AT 10
,0:"FLASH 1:""THE GAME HAS RESULT
ED IN A DRAW"
190 BEEP 5,30: RESTORE: GO TO
10
200 DATA 60,126,255,255,255,255
,126,60

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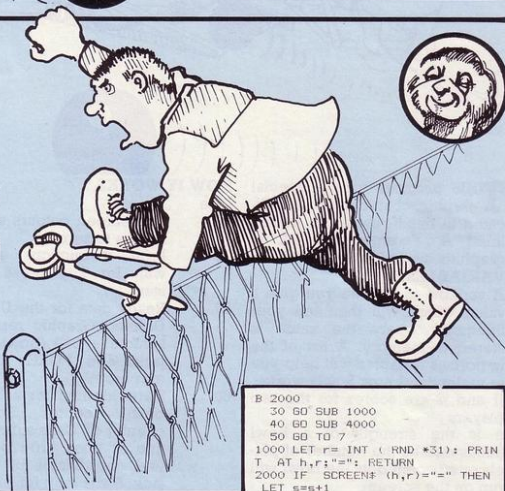


STOP THAT FENCE

In the centre of the screen ap-
pears Fred (represented by an O).
Fred is a determined man and, at
the moment, he is determined that
no new fences will be erected in his
home town of Molesworth. Unfor-
tunately, a fence is being erected at
the top of the screen. Fred plans to
cut through the fence.

Control Fred with the cursor keys
5, 8 and 0.

Stop that Fence was written for
the Spectrum by Hal Pawson of
north London.



```

1 LET s=PI-PI
2 LET x=5
3 LET y=3*x
4 PRINT AT x,y-1:"O "
5 LET h=1
6 GO SUB 1000
7 GO SUB 4000
8 GO SUB 4000
10 LET y=y+(INKEY$="B" AND y
<30)-(INKEY$="S" AND y>0)
15 PRINT AT x,y-1:"O "
20 IF INKEY$="O" THEN GO SU

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```

B 2000
30 GO SUB 1000
40 GO SUB 4000
50 GO TO 7
1000 LET r=INT (RND*31): PRIN
T AT h,r:"=": RETURN
2000 IF SCREEN# (h,r)="=" THEN
LET s=s+1
2010 FOR n=4 TO 1 STEP -1: PRINT
AT n,y:"t": AT n+1,y:" ": NEXT
n: RETURN
4000 LET q=0
4010 FOR n=1 TO 30
4020 IF SCREEN# (h,n)="=" THEN
LET q=q+1
4030 NEXT n
4040 IF q=30 THEN GO SUB 5000
4050 RETURN
5000 CLS: PRINT "THE WALL IS CO
MLETE!" "YOU HAVE SCORED":s

```


Join The Dots



The numbers 1 to 9 appear on the screen. Touch the numbers, in numerical order, with your glowing tail. When you have finished, press S to see how many moves you made. Move with the cursor keys, 5 to 8.

Join the Dots was written for the ZX-81 by J Borrett of Truro, Cornwall.

```

1 LET a=0
10 FOR f=1 TO 9
20 PRINT AT INT ( RND *10),
INT ( RND *10);f
30 NEXT f
40 LET x=30
50 LET y=x
60 LET x=x+( INKEY$ ="8")-( IN
KEY$ ="5")
70 LET y=y+( INKEY$ ="7")-( IN
KEY$ ="6")
100 PLOT x,y
101 LET a=a+1
105 IF INKEY$ ="s" THEN GO TO
500
500 CLS
505 PRINT "YOU TOOK";a;" MOVE
S"

```

Patrick, the seemingly indefatigable young snake, is coiling and uncoiling across the screen of your Spectrum. In order to arrest his attention for a moment you must blow peas from your pea shooter to hit Patrick on the head. Fire using any key.

Snake Bytes was written for the ZX-81 by Sophie Sharp of Preston, Lancashire.

Snake Bytes

```

10 LET s=0
20 LET f=0
35 PRINT AT 11,16;"(1g2:1g1)"
40 FOR j=0 TO 28
50 PRINT AT 5,j;" ---(1g4)"
55 GO SUB 110
60 NEXT j
70 FOR j=28 TO 0 STEP -1
80 PRINT AT 5,j;" ---(1g4)"

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85 GO SUB 200
90 NEXT j
100 GO TO 40
200 IF INKEY$ =" " THEN RETURN
205 LET f=f+1
210 FOR i=10 TO 0 STEP -1
215 IF SCREEN# (k,16)="-" THEN
GO SUB 1000
220 PRINT AT k,16;" " AT k,16
: " "
230 NEXT k
240 RETURN
1000 LET s=s+1
1010 PRINT "A HIT. YOUR SCORE I
S NOW ";s
1015 PRINT "YOU HAVE FIRED ";f;
" SHOTS"
1017 FOR z=1 TO 300: NEXT z
1018 CLS
1020 GO TO 35

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HALL OF THE SPIDERS

```

1 LET s=0: LET p=20: LET x=1
2 FOR a=1 TO 30: PRINT AT x,
a;"m": NEXT a
3 LET b=1: LET c=40
40 IF b=30 THEN GO SUB 4000
30 GO SUB 1000
40 IF b=c THEN GO SUB 3000
50 IF INKEY$="8" THEN LET b
=b+1
60 IF SCREEN$ (p,b+1)="" THEN
N GO SUB 3000
70 PRINT AT p,b;"D"
80 GO SUB 2000
90 GO SUB 20
1000 LET c=INT (RND *31)
1010 FOR a=2 TO 20
1020 PRINT AT a,c;" "
1030 NEXT a
1040 RETURN

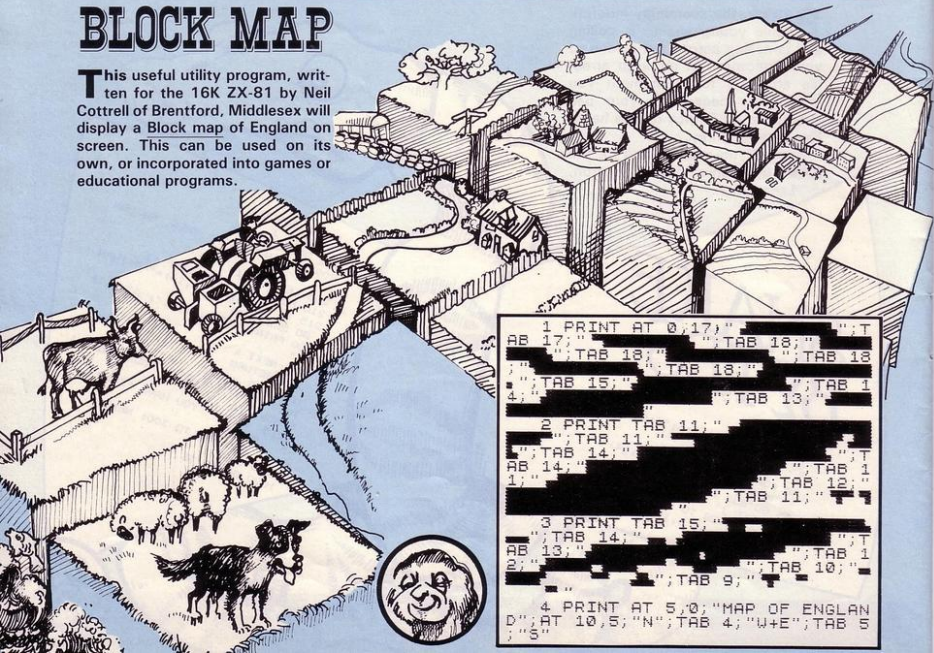
2000 FOR a=1 TO 3
2010 LET c=INT (RND *32)
2020 FOR d=20 TO 2 STEP -1
2030 PRINT AT d,c;" "
2040 NEXT d
2050 NEXT a
2060 RETURN
3000 CLS
3010 PRINT "YOU HAVE BEEN CAUGH
T"
3020 PRINT "YOUR SCORE IS "s
3030 STOP
4000 CLS
4010 LET s=s+1
4020 PRINT "YOU HAVE COMPLETED "
1;"CROSSINGS"
4030 PAUSE 100
4040 CLS
4050 GO TO 10
    
```

No one has ever passed through the Hall of the Spiders and survived. Now you aim to do just that. Avoid their sticky threads and you will come through alive. The smallest touch of a thread will leave you a helpless prisoner to be eaten by the spiders. Move through the hall using keys 5 and 8 to move left and right. How many halls can you cross and survive?

Written for the Spectrum by
Chloe Stapleton-Hall of Howarth,
Yorkshire.

BLOCK MAP

This useful utility program, written for the 16K ZX-81 by Neil Cottrell of Brentford, Middlesex will display a Block map of England on screen. This can be used on its own, or incorporated into games or educational programs.



```

1 PRINT AT 0,17;" "T
AB 17;" "TAB 18;" "TAB 18
;"TAB 18;" "TAB 18
;"TAB 15;" "TAB 1
4;" "TAB 13;"
2 PRINT TAB 11;"
;"TAB 11;"
;"TAB 14;"
AB 14;" "TAB 1
1;" "TAB 12;"
;"TAB 11;"
3 PRINT TAB 15;"
;"TAB 14;"
AB 13;" "TAB 1
2;" "TAB 9;"TAB 10;"
4 PRINT AT 5,0;"MAP OF ENGLAN
D";AT 10,5;"N";TAB 4;"W+E";TAB 5
;"S"
    
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Swordmaster is the result of a collaboration between Adventure International and Steve Jackson of Games Workshop. The result is a unique combination of book and computer game which Adventure International consider to be the best computerised version of Dungeons and Dragons ever produced.

The game begins as you take your Swordmaster to training school. You emerge from that school with a rating which you carry with you into the game. The body of the game takes you into the elaborate world of dungeons and dragons. Each location you enter is described in detail in the accompanying book, but the monsters which you meet are assigned by locations by the computer at the start of each game and so cannot be expected or avoided.

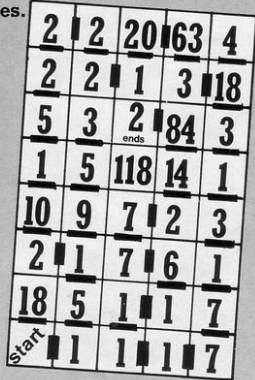
On completion of the game you attain a new swordmaster rating which can be carried on into forthcoming games in the Swordmaster series.

HOW TO ENTER. The diagram shows a collection of rooms, some of which are linked with doors, all of which contain monsters of different strengths. Your first task is to work out the quickest route from start to finish without visiting any room more than once. The number of rooms that you have visited, including the start and finish is your first answer.

Now look at the strengths of the monsters as you follow this route. You start with a strength of 100. The first time you meet a monster you lose in battle, but you beat the next monster that you meet. This pattern of a loss followed by a win continues until you reach the very last room. Whenever you win, your strength is multiplied by the strength of the monster in that room. Whenever you lose, your strength is divided by the strength of the monster in that room. What is your final strength?

Fill in the two answers together with your name and address on the entry form in this issue and post it to us to arrive by the end of March 1985.

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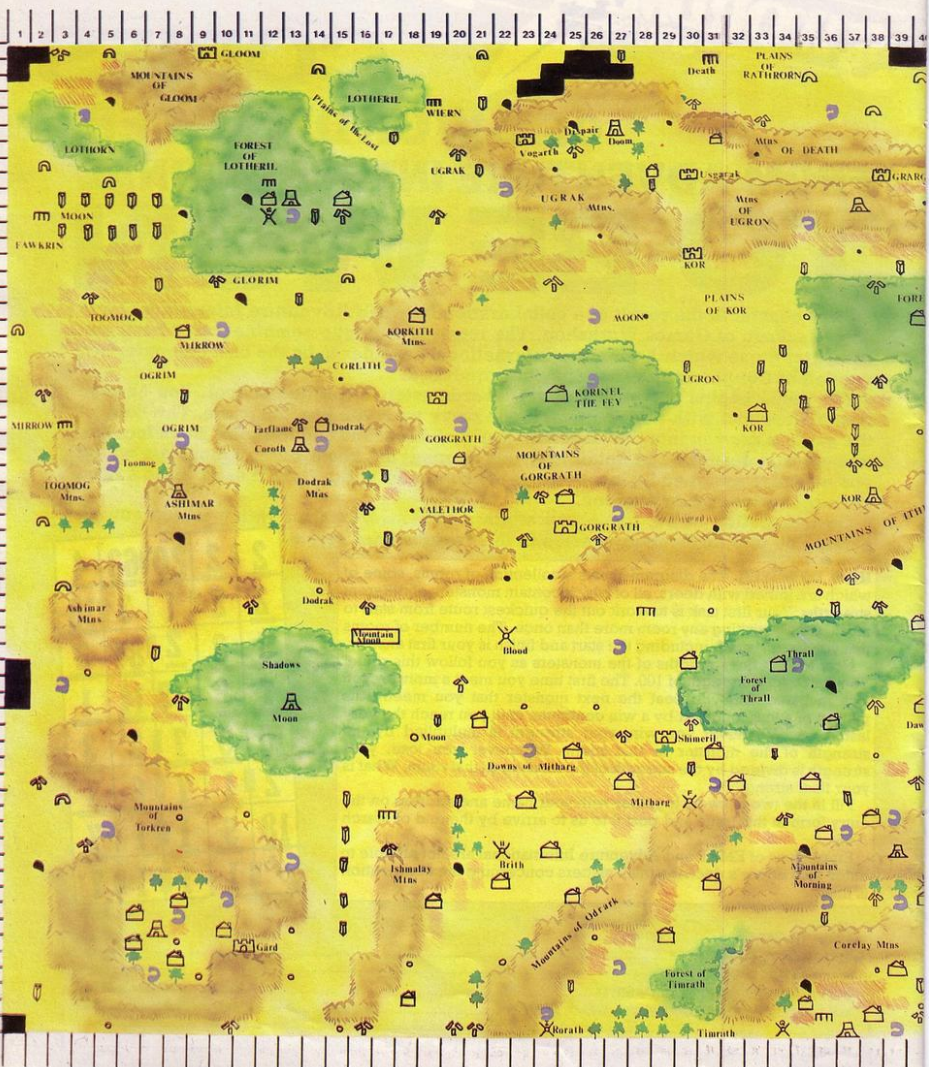
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MY LEAST FAVOURITE COMPUTER GAME IS

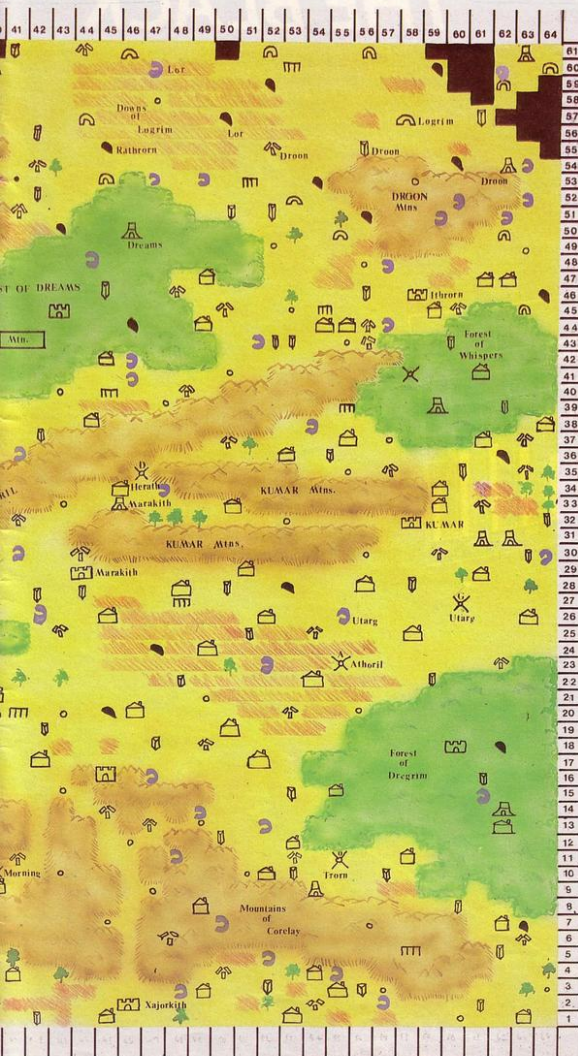
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THE LORDS O



OF MIDNIGHT



THIS map of the **Lords of Midnight** was compiled for *Sinclair Programs* by John Rundle, and drawn by Brian Cookman.

The list below gives the names of the **Lords of Midnight**, the numbers of guards, warriors and riders which they command, the key which controls them, and their start location. The number of the start location refers to the grid numbers around the edges of the map.

Although a grid is not shown, the map is drawn to scale, and connecting the grid guidelines around the edge will show accurately where one area begins and another ends.

Place	Key	Lord	Gua	Warr	Ride
1321	C	Luxor	—	—	—
1321	V	Morkin	—	—	—
1321	B	Corleth	—	—	—
1321	N	Rothron	—	—	—
1106	1	Gard	600	1000	500
4429	2	Marakith	700	1000	500
4602	3	Xajorkith	750	1200	800
0961	4	Gloom	600	1000	500
2919	5	Shimeril	750	1000	800
5832	6	Kumar	600	1000	700
5846	7	Ithron	530	195	935
4516	8	Dawn	550	800	500
4345	9	Dreams	550	1200	800
5620	0	Oregrim	500	1000	800
5523	A	Athoril	130	290	800
4635	D	Herath	60	415	430
1224	E	Shadows	—	1000	—
3015	F	Mitharg	250	600	500
6027	G	Utarg	350	—	1000
2401	I	Rorath	250	400	800
5511	O	Trovan	150	800	400
4010	P	Morning	175	785	295
3401	Q	Thimrath	300	400	600
1251	R	Lothoril	200	500	200
2225	S	Blood	400	—	1200
2440	T	Korinel	—	875	—
2212	U	Brith	150	600	300
5841	W	Whispers	150	600	300
3423	Y	Thrall	—	600	300
6361	J	Logrim	—	—	—
0251	H	Fawkrin	—	—	—
1338	K	Farflame	—	—	—

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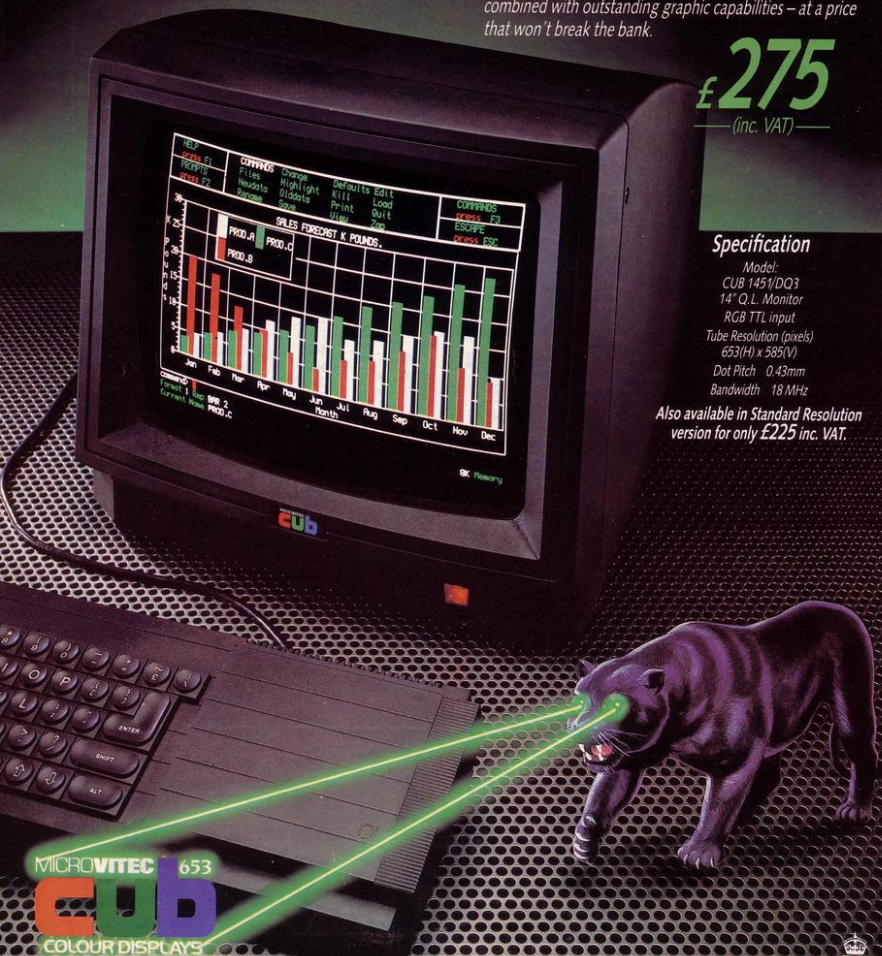
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LEAP FROG

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10> FOR f=USR "a" TO USR "f"
+7
20 READ a: POKE f,a: NEXT f
30 DATA 4,10,31,62,110,245,184
,110,32,80,248,124,118,175,29,11
8,0,255,255,0,52,52,52,52
40 DATA 52,52,52,52,0,126,0,25
5,0,255,51,204,0,0,0,0,24,60,126
,219,24,24,24,24

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Five green frogs sit on your left, five red frogs sit on the pillars on your right. For some reason, the red frogs want to sit on the left of the screen, and the green frogs want to sit on the right of the screen. Being lazy creatures they want to accomplish this in as few moves as possible.

It is only possible for frogs to jump onto an empty pillar, and they cannot jump over more than one frog at a time. How quickly can you transfer the frogs?

Leap Frog was written for any Spectrum by Joe Stanton of Cromer, Norfolk.

```

1 BORDER 0: PAPER 0: INK 7: C
LS
10 GO SUB 9000: GO SUB 50: CLS
: GO SUB 90: GO SUB 100
20 STOP
30 GO SUB 90
55 PRINT AT 3,14: BRIGHT 1: "B
y": TAB 7: "Joe Stanton © 1985:"
AT 21,14: "For": #0: BRIGHT 1:
" "SINCLAIR PROGRAMS" "
60 FOR i=0 TO 7: BEEP .002,1:
PRINT AT 10,12: INK i: "Press...
" TAB 7: "i" for "INSTRUCTI
ONS" TAB 7: "p" to "PLAY
""
65 IF INKEY#="i" THEN GO TO
1000
70 IF INKEY#="p" THEN RETUR
N
75 NEXT i: GO TO 60
90 RETURN
100 PRINT AT 10,6: BRIGHT 1: I
NK 4: "A A A A A " : INK 2: "B B
B B B " : TAB 6: INK 5: "C C C C C
C C C C C " : TAB 6: "D D D D D
D D D D D " : TAB 6: INK 6: "EEEE
EEEEEEEEEEEEEE"
105 PRINT AT 14,16: "F"
110 PRINT AT 5,13: "MOVE": mv

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580 IF INKEY# <> "" THEN GO
TO 580
590 LET to=from: LET mv=mv+1: G
O TO 110
600 PRINT AT 18,10: INK 5: PAP
ER 3: FLASH 1: "ILLEGAL MOVE "
AT 19,10: TRY AGAIN "
610 FOR f=1 TO 3: FOR n=0 TO 20
STEP 2: BEEP .01,n: BEEP .01,n+
20: BEEP .01,f: NEXT n: NEXT f
620 PRINT AT 18,10: "
": TAB 10: "
GO TO 110
700 FOR f=0 TO 7: FOR i=0 TO f:
BEEP .01,i: PRINT AT 16,12: IN
K i: "GAME OVER": AT 18,11: "WELL
DONE": NEXT i: NEXT f
710 PRINT AT 21,5: "You did it
in "mv;" moves": #0: "
Press Any Key": PAUSE 1: PAUSE 0:
RUN
1000 CLS: PRINT AT 2,5: "0....
...Move Arrow Left" TAB 5: "W...
...Move Arrow Right" TAB 5: "M...
...ENTER".....Frog Jump"
1005 PRINT AT 10,0: INK 5: "Th
e object of the game is to move
the green frogs onto the pill

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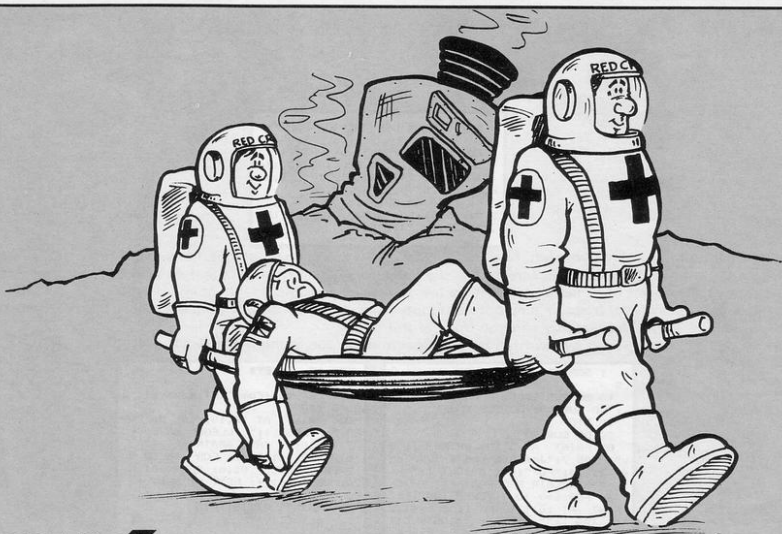
120 IF INKEY#="w" AND x<25 TH
EN PRINT AT 14,x: " ": AT 14,x+
2: "F": LET x=x+2: BEEP .01,50
130 IF INKEY#="q" AND x>6 THE
N PRINT AT 14,x: " ": AT 14,x-2
: "F": LET x=x-2: BEEP .01,50
140 IF CODE INKEY#=-13 THEN
GO TO 500
150 PAUSE 0: GO TO 120
500 BEEP .02,20: LET from=(x-4)
/2
510 IF from=to THEN GO TO 600
520 IF from=to THEN IF from=to
>2 THEN GO TO 600
530 IF to=from>2 THEN GO TO 60
0
540 LET z=a$(to): LET a$(to)=a
$(from): LET a$(from)=z
550 LET i=4: IF a$(to)="B" THEN
LET i=2
560 PRINT AT 10,from+2+4: " ":
AT 10,to+2+4: INK i: a$(to)
570 IF a$=b$ THEN INK 0 TO 700

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ars occupied by the red frog
s & visa versa, in as few move
s as possible."
1010 PRINT " INK 6: " The frogs
cannot jump more than one oth
er frog at a time."
1015 PRINT " INK 3: " When the f
rogs jump they jump onto the em
pty pillar."
1020 PAUSE 20: PRINT #0: "
Press Any Key...": PAUSE 20: INF
UT " ": IF INKEY# <> "" THEN C
LS: GO TO 10
1025 GO TO 1020
9000 LET mv=0: LET x=16: LET to=
6
9005 LET a$="AAAAA BBBB": LET b
$="BBBBB AAAAA"
9010 RETURN
9998 SAVE "Leap Frog" LINE 9999:
SAVE "Graphics" CODE USR "a",4
B: PRINT TAB 5: "Rewind Tape - V
erifying": VERIFY " ": VERIFY " "
CODE: STOP
9999 LOAD " " CODE USR "a": RUN

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GALACTIC AMBULANCE

The date is 3000AD. Space has ceased to be the final frontier. The flying doctors of terrestrial Australia have been replaced by the Galactic Ambulance inter-planetary service.

Today you are the pilot of the galactic ambulance. Save as many hapless astronauts as possible by guiding the rescue pod around the asteroids, down to the astronaut, and back to the docking bay of the ship.

Written for the Spectrum by Andrew Cartwright of Wirral, Merseyside.

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1: LET h=10: BORDER 0: INK 7:
PAPER 0: CLS
2 FOR a= USR "a" TO USR "m"+
7: READ b: POKE a,b: NEXT a
3 DATA 56,56,146,84,16,16,40,
66,0,16,50,99,243,231,243,255,0,
0,8,108,206,223,255,255,0,0,48,1
13,195,251,207,255
4 DATA 0,30,57,121,125,63,30,
0,4,2,2,15,63,108,216,255,0,0,0,
255,153,255,255,255
5 DATA 32,64,64,240,252,54,27
,255,255,193,113,29,23,19,16,252
6 DATA 255,131,142,184,232,20
0,8,62,111,2,6,12,31,2,6,24,126,
255,24,60,255,24,0,128,128,192,9
6,48,248,64,96
10 PRINT AT 8,5:"GALACTIC AMB
ULANCE": AT 10,2:"CONTROLS": AT
12,2:"1 LEFT:2 RIGHT:0 DROP:0 TH
RUST":1: BEEP .05,0: BEEP .05,10:
BEEP .05,1
11 FOR P=0 TO 7: PRINT AT 15,
5: INK P:"PRESS 0 KEY TO PLAY":
BEEP .002,P: NEXT P: IF INKEY#
="0" THEN GO TO 13
12 GO TO 11
13 FOR P=0 TO 21: LET A= USR 3
280: BEEP .002,10: AT P
14 LET sh=25: LET l=5: LET sc=
0: LET k=0
20: LET y=3: LET s="KLM"
23 CLS: PRINT AT 21,0:"BDDC
BDDCBDDCBDDCBDDCBDDCBDDCBDDC"
24 LET q= INT (RND *28)+PR
INT AT 20,q: INK 5: A "
25 FOR x=4 TO 15 STEP 2: FOR z
=1 TO K: BEEP .001,30: PRINT AT

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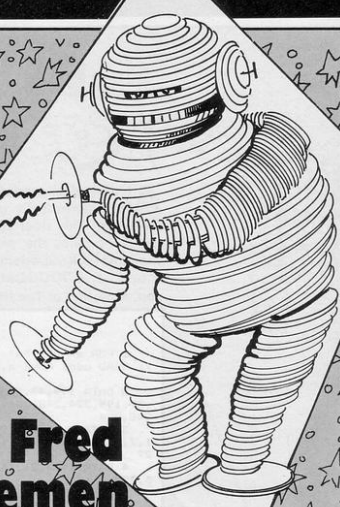
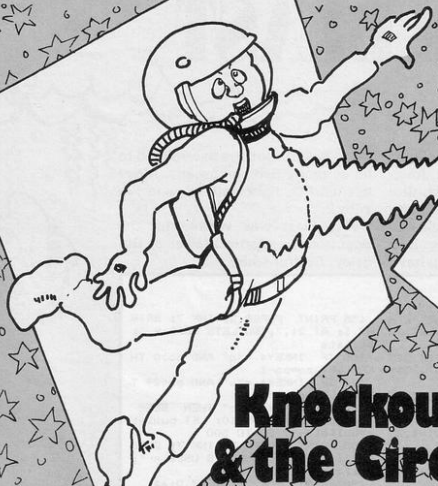
x, INT (RND *31): " : NEXT z:
NEXT x:
26 PRINT AT 0,0: INK 7:"LIVES
="1: " SCORE=":sc: " HI=":h
30 FOR f=p TO 0 STEP -1: PRINT
AT 1,f: INK 2: " FG+GH " : AT 2,
f: " I: AT 2,f+2: INK 6:s: AT 2
,f+5: INK 2:"J " : LET p=p-1: LET
y=2: IF INKEY#="0" THEN GO TO
0 50
40 BEEP .005,-10: NEXT f: PRIN
T AT 1,f: " " : AT 2,f: "
" : LET p=25: LET y=3: GO TO
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50 LET x=f+2: PRINT AT 2,x: "
60 IF SCREEN# (y,x)="" THEN
LET l=l-1: GO SUB 2000: GO TO 2
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61 IF SCREEN# (y,x+1)="" THEN
N LET l=l-1: GO SUB 2000: GO TO 22
62 IF SCREEN# (y,x+2)="" THEN
N LET l=l-1: GO SUB 2000: GO TO 22
65 PRINT AT y,x: INK 6:s:
66 BEEP .005,20-y: IF y >= 20
AND x=q THEN GO TO 130
67 IF y >= 20 AND x <> q THEN
LET l=l-1: GO SUB 2000: GO TO 2
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70 LET x1=x: LET y1=y: LET x=x+
( INKEY#="2" AND x<29)-( INKEY
#="1" AND x>1)
80 IF INKEY#="0" THEN LET y
=y-2: IF y=0 THEN GO TO 26
100 PRINT AT y1,x1: "
120 LET y=y+1: GO TO 55

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130 LET sc=sc+10: LET K=k+1
170 BEEP .05,10
180 PRINT AT y,x: " "
190 LET y=y-1
200 IF SCREEN# (y,x)="" THEN
LET l=l-1: GO SUB 2000: GO TO 2
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210 IF SCREEN# (y,x+1)="" THEN
N LET l=l-1: GO SUB 2000: GO TO 22
220 IF SCREEN# (y,x+2)="" THEN
N LET l=l-1: GO SUB 2000: GO TO 22
230 PRINT AT y,x: INK 6:s: AT
y+1,x+1:"A: BEEP .005,20-y:
240 IF y=2 AND x=f+2 THEN FOR
g=0 TO 30: BEEP .005,g: NEXT g:
LET sc=sc+10: LET y=3: CLS: GO TO 23
250 IF y=2 AND x <> f+2 THEN L
ET l=l-1: GO SUB 2000: GO TO 22
260 LET x1=x: LET y1=y: LET x=x+
( INKEY#="2" AND x<31)-( INKEY
#="1" AND x>30)
280 PRINT AT y1,x1: " " : AT y
1+1,x1+1: " "
290 LET y=y-1: GO TO 200
2000 BEEP .05,-15: FOR 0=y TO 20
: PRINT AT 0,x:"KLM": AT 0-1,x:
" " : BEEP .002,0: NEXT 0
2010 CLS: LET x=0: LET y=2: IF
l=0 THEN GO SUB 9996
2020 RETURN
9996 PRINT AT 10,10:"GAME OVER"
: BEEP .05,-10: BEEP .05,10: PRI
NT AT 12,5: " (PRESS A KEY TO PLA
Y) ": PAUSE 0: CLS
9997 IF sc>P THEN LET h=sc:
9998 GO TO 10

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Knockout Fred & the Circlemen

Some games characters seem to have disasters heaped upon their heads. One such is Knockout Fred and the Circlemen. Fred is lost in a series of intergalactic tunnels. His only wish is to escape by using one of the teleport facilities on the screen. The deadly circle men appear at each side, trying to bar his way. Once he reaches the teleport Fred will find himself in another tunnel only, this time, the circle men move a little faster.

Written for the 16K ZX-81 by Neil Cottrell of Brentford, Middlesex.

Enter line one exactly as printed, and check carefully that all characters are correct, and that no spaces have been omitted before you attempt to run the program. Keywords in the middle of a line can be entered by pressing THEN, followed by the keyword. When the keyword is in place, return and delete THEN.

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1 REM Y:4: PRINT NOT LET 4 I
2 TAN Y:REM: PRINT NOT NOT NO
3 LET 4 SAVE NOT NOT TAN
4 PRINT "N.C. PRODUCTION" "Y
5 ARE FRED AND YOUR AIM IS TO
6 GET TO EITHER OF THE SIDES, TO
7 TOUCH THE ESCAPE TELEPORT BUT
8 ITS NOT THAT EASY, THERE ARE 0.5
9 TRYING TO KNOCK YOU OUT, THEY
10 COME IN ROUS FROM BOTH SIDES,
11 YOU CAN DESTROY THEM BY SHOOTING
12 THEM WITH YOUR LASER GUNS, AS
13 YOU SHOOT THEM BACK THEY KEEP
14 COMING, IF YOU MAKE IT TO THE
15 EXIT, YOU WILL BE TELEPORTED TO
16 THE NEXT TUNEL IN WITCH THERE
17 IS FASTER, EACH TIME YOU MAKE IT
18 THEY COME FASTER UNTIL THEY
19 KNOCK YOU OUT, ONCE THEY GET TO
20 CERTAIN SPEED THEY GO BACK TO
21 TARTING SPEED, THEY HAVE TO HIT
22 YOU ON THE BACK TO STOP YOU
23 3 PRINT "YOU HAVE THREE LIVES
24 SCORE ONE EACH TIME YOU GET TE
25 LEPORTED"
26 POKE 16410,0
27 PRINT "CONTROLS: 1=LEFT
28 2=RIGHT 3=FIAR LEFT 4=FIAR
29 RIGHT "PRESS ANY KEY GOOD LUCK
30
31 IF INKEY#="" THEN GOTO 6
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FOR N=0 TO 14
100 PRINT AT N/5, " ";TAB B;"
110 TAB B;"
115 NEXT N
120 PRINT AT A/B;" ";TAB B;"
130 IF B=26 OR B=1 THEN GOTO 60
136 IF X=B+4 OR X=B+3 OR Z=B+2
OR Z=B+3 THEN GOTO 300
1400 LET USRND
1410 LET U=X THEN LET A=B+A+0"
1420 LET U=X THEN LET X=X+1
1430 LET U=X THEN LET B=B+B+0"
1440 LET U=X THEN LET Z=Z+1
1450 LET B=B+INKEY#="0")-(INKEY
#="1")
1460 IF INKEY#="0" THEN GOTO 500
1470 IF INKEY#="9" THEN GOTO 400
1480 GOTO 120
1490 LET L=L-1
1500 IF L=0 THEN GOTO 120
1510 IF L=0 THEN LET H=0
1520 PRINT AT 1/2, "GAME OVER"
1530 GOTO 120
1540 IF X=0 THEN GOTO 190
1550 IF X=0 THEN GOTO 190
1560 PRINT AT A,X-1," ";AT A,X-1
415 LET X=X-1
425 LET A=B (TO LEN A$-1)
430 GOTO 120
440 IF Z=31 THEN GOTO 190
450 PRINT AT A/Z," ";AT A,Z;" "
460 LET B=Z+1 (TO LEN B$-1)
470 GOTO 120
480 LET H=H+.05
490 IF H=0.5 THEN LET H=.8
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FISH BLAST

A tranquil afternoon in summer. Fish swim lazily up and down the river. The river is a beautiful shade of blue, the sky a delicate shade of pink. Suddenly the silence is broken. BOOOOOO!!! Yes, it is you, shooting at the fish. You have

thirty bullets, and are determined to hit as many fish as possible. Move left with Q, right with W, and fire with P.

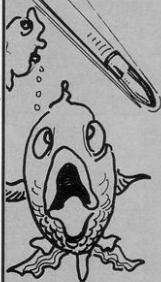
Fish Blast was written for the Spectrum by Martin Walker of Rugeley, Staffordshire.

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1 FOR a=USR "a" TO USR "q"
2: READ udg: POKE a,udg: NEXT a

3 DATA 199,47,223,187,124,223
47,199,224,248,206,151,207,254,
248,224
4 DATA 7,31,115,233,243,127,3
1,7,227,244,251,221,62,251,244,2
27
5 DATA 1,17,21,149,183,191,25
5,255
6 DATA 254,198,192,240,192,19
2,192,192,126,24,24,24,24,24,
126,124,198,192,124,66,198,124,
198,198,198,254,198,198,198,198
7 DATA 36,36,129,165,16,0,74,
98,146,73,36,146,73,36,146,73
8 DATA 73,146,36,73,146,36,73
,146
9 DATA 219,231,219,102,102,60
,60,24
10 LET hi=0
20 LET as="
30 LET bs="
40 LET cs="
50 LET ds="
60 LET po=15
70 LET bullets=0
80 LET score=0
90 BRIGHT 1: BORDER 5: PAPER 1
: INK 7: CLS
95 PRINT #0: AT 0,0: PAPER 2:
BRIGHT 1: "
96 PRINT #1: PAPER 2: INK 7: B
RIGHT 1: " BY Martin Walker. 1
98:
100 FOR a=0 TO 31: PRINT INK 2
: AT 19,a:"E": AT 20,a:"M": AT 2
1,a:"W": NEXT a
110 FOR a=0 TO 31: PRINT PAPER
5: BRIGHT 0: AT 0,a:" " : AT 1,a
:" " : NEXT a
120 PRINT AT 0,1: BRIGHT 0: P
APER 5: INK 1:"EALL JKLHM"
130 PRINT PAPER 3: AT 2,0,d$:
AT 3,0,d$: AT 4,0,d$
150 PRINT PAPER 3: INK 7: AT 4
,po:"0 " : IF bullets>30 THEN G
O TO 700
155 PRINT PAPER 2: INK 7: BRIG
HT 1: AT 21,7:"BULLETS USED = ":
bullets
160 IF INKEY$="q" AND po>0 TH
EN LET po=po-1
170 IF INKEY$="w" AND po<29 T
HEN LET po=po+1
180 IF INKEY$="p" THEN BEEP
.005,5: BEEP .005,10: LET bullet
s=bullets+1: GO TO 500
185 PRINT PAPER 2: INK 7: BRIG
HT 1: AT 21,7:"BULLETS USED = ":
bullets
190 PRINT INK 5: AT 17,0:as
200 PRINT INK 3: AT 14,0:bs
210 LET as=as(31)+as( TO 31)
220 LET bs=bs(2 TO )+bs(1)
230 GO TO 150
500 FOR g=5 TO 18
510 PRINT INK 6: AT g,po+1:"N"
520 IF SCREEN$ (g,po) <> " " T
HEN GO TO 600
530 PRINT AT g,po+1:" "
540 PRINT INK 5: AT 17,0:as: I
NK 3: AT 14,0:bs
550 LET as=as(31)+as( TO 31): L
ET bs=bs(2 TO )+bs(1)
560 BEEP .0010,60: NEXT g
570 GO TO 150
600 PRINT AT 3,1: FLASH 1:"HIT
": FOR po=0 TO 3: FOR h=0 TO 7: P
RINT INK h: AT g,po:"DP": AT g,p
o+1,po:"DP": PRINT INK h: AT g,p
o:"DP": AT g+1,po:"DP": BEEP .008
p: NEXT h: NEXT p: PRINT BRIGHT
T 1: PAPER 3: FLASH 0: AT 3,1:"
"
610 LET score=score+50
620 PRINT AT g,po+1:" " : AT g+1
,po:" " : GO TO 150
700 BRIGHT 1: PAPER 0: BORDER 0
: INK 7: CLS
710 PRINT AT 0,4:"Your Final S
core Was " :score
720 IF score>hi THEN LET hi=sc
ore
730 PRINT AT 2,3:"Your High Sc
ore So Far " :hi
740 PRINT INK RND *6+1: AT 6,
6:"Another Game (Y/N)"
750 IF INKEY$="y" THEN GO TO
60
760 IF INKEY$="n" THEN BRIGH
T 0: INK 0: PAPER 7: BORDER 7: C
LS: LIST
770 BEEP .005, RND *60+1: GO TO
740

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ANSWER THE PHONE



The phone is ringing on the other side of the screen. All you have to do is Answer the Phone. Simple? Well, not really. Your dog has chewed holes in the floor, and a TV repair man has dropped live cables into them, so if you fall into any of the holes you will be electrocuted.

Written for the 16K ZX-81 by C Shingles of Halesowen, West Midlands.

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1 LET X=0
2 LET PA=0
3 LET SC=0
4 LET F=0
5 LET LEV=1
10 CLS
11 PRINT "      ANSWER THE P
HONEY:
12 PRINT "
13 PRINT "      INSTRUCTIO
NS
15 PRINT "ALL YOU DO IS ANSW
ER THE PHONE. EASY? NO, YOU SEE Y
OUR DOG HAS CHEWED HOLES IN TH
E FLOOR AND A T.V. REPAIR MAN DR
OPPED LIVE WIRES IN.
16 PRINT "SO YOU MUST JUMP O
VER THE HOLES OR BE ELECTICUTED.
OH, YES IF A HOLE IS TOO LONG YO
U WILL NEED A HYPER-JUMP OF WHIC
H YOU HAVE 1 PER LEVEL.....GOO
D LUCK....."
20 PRINT "      KEYS

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30 PRINT "(X)-RIGHT
(J)-JUMP
(H)-HYPER-JUMP"
35 PRINT AT 21,0;"PRESS ANY K
EY"
40 IF INKEY$="" THEN GOTO 40
50 CLS
60 LET A=INT (RAND*22)+3
70 LET B=INT (RAND*22)+3
80 LET D=INT (RAND*22)+3
90 LET F=INT (RAND*22)+3
100 LET G=INT (RAND*22)+3
110 PRINT AT 9,0;"
120 FOR F=1 TO 20
130 PRINT AT F,0;"
140 NEXT F
141 PRINT AT 0,0;"SCORE=";SC
145 PRINT AT 5,26;

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150 IF LEV=1 THEN PRINT AT 9,A
155 IF LEV=2 THEN PRINT AT 9,B
160 IF LEV=3 THEN PRINT AT 9,D
165 IF LEV=4 THEN PRINT AT 9,F
170 IF LEV=5 THEN PRINT AT 9,G
199 REM **$HOLE**
200 PRINT AT 8,X;"$";AT 8,X;" "
210 IF INKEY$="X" THEN LET X=X+
1
211 IF INKEY$="X" THEN LET SC=5
C+10
230 IF INKEY$="J" THEN GOTO 300
230 IF INKEY$="H" THEN GOTO 350
231 IF X=A AND LEV=1 THEN GOTO
500
232 IF X=B AND LEV=2 THEN GOTO
500
233 IF X=D AND LEV=3 THEN GOTO
500
234 IF X=F AND LEV=4 THEN GOTO
500
235 IF X=G AND LEV=5 THEN GOTO
500
240 IF X=26 THEN GOTO 1000
250 GOTO 200
300 PRINT AT 7,X+1;"$";AT 7,X+1
305 PRINT AT 8,X+2;"$";AT 8,X+2
320 LET X=X+2
330 GOTO 200
350 IF K=1 THEN GOTO 390

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355 PRINT AT 7,X+1;"$";AT 7,X+1
360 PRINT AT 7,X+2;"$";AT 7,X+2
370 LET X=X+3
380 LET K=K+1
385 LET SC=SC-100
390 GOTO 200
600 FOR F=1 TO 10
610 PRINT AT F,X;" "
620 NEXT F
630 FOR F=1 TO 40
640 PRINT AT 10,X;"$";AT 10,X;"

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650 NEXT F
660 CLS
700 PRINT AT 10,0;"YOU ANSWERED
PA" PHONES";AT 10,0;" AND S
CORED "SC
710 PRINT "PRESS A KEY TO REPLA
Y"
720 IF INKEY$="" THEN GOTO 720
800 STOP
1000 CLS
1001 LET U=INT (RAND*3)+1
1005 IF U=1 THEN LET U$="YOUR MO
M"
1010 IF U=2 THEN LET U$="THE BAN
K MANAGER"
1015 IF U=3 THEN LET U$="A DOG-F
ISH"
1020 IF U=3 THEN LET U$="YOUR FR
IEND"
1025 LET V=INT (RAND*2)+1
1030 IF V=1 THEN LET Y$="WANTING
YOU TO COME OUT TO PLAY"
1035 IF V=2 THEN LET Y$="ASKING
TO BORROW A FIWER"
1040 IF V=3 THEN LET Y$="CALLING
TO SAY HELLO"
1100 PRINT AT 10,0;" ITS ";U$;AT
12,0;Y$
1120 FOR F=1 TO 100
1130 NEXT F
1140 LET LEV=LEV+1
1200 LET SC=SC+100
1300 LET X=0
1400 LET PA=PA+2
1450 LET K=0
1500 GOTO 50
2001 SAVE "PHONE"
2002 RUN

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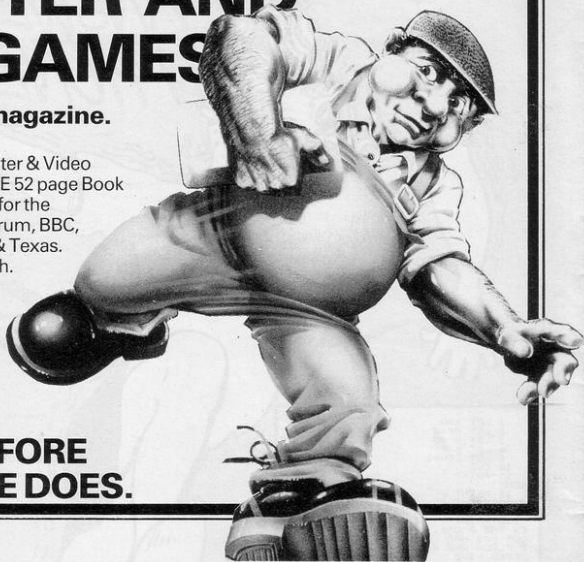
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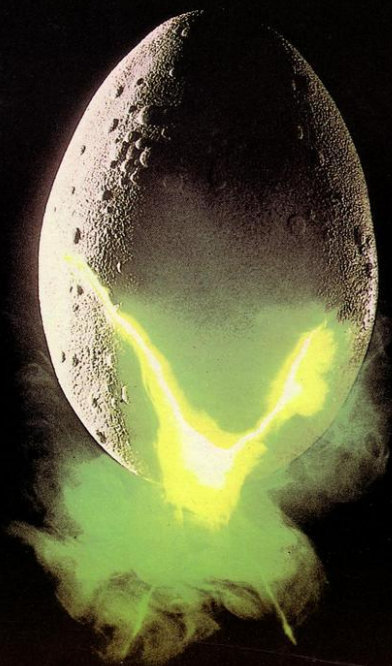
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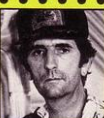
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